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King Hal taking on weddings

CREWKERNE'S resident Henry VIII impersonator, Good King Hal, also known as Mike Farley, has been doing the rounds at local schools and events for many years, explaining the highs and lows of Tudor life in his own humorous way.

Now the "monarch", known best for divorcing and beheading his many wives, has decided to turn his talents to the unlikely trade of weddings.

One of King Hal's regular jobs is working with The Knight of Royal England, a re-enactment group based at Bishops Lydeard which travels the country, entertaining the public with jousts. He leads the knight in and acts as a commentator.

One day, while taking a break from his act at Hever Castle, in Kent, with agent Michell Coda, who also plays his Queen, there was a wedding taking place, which his how King Hal's latest idea began.

Mike said: "I thought, wouldn't it be lovely to do Tudor weddings. I had already done Henry the toastmaster and we know a lot of people like Tudor dancers and musicians, and Tris from Bilbys can do Tudor food.

"I suddenly realised we had all the connections to make the entire package. My sister is a graphic designer and we decided to go to a major wedding fair in Kent and take a look around. We were amazed by how everything was the same, so anything remotely different really stood out. The only people that really stood out were offering a fetish wedding!

"We looked at when the next fair was and went along in our costumes and were swamped for most of the day. The feedback was incredible and we got 12 bookings, I couldnít believe it."

As Good King Hal, Mike has had some interesting adventures.

He added: "I got to do the launch of a boat on the Thames and went from Westminster to Greenwich at night. Natalie Dormer, who played Anne Boleyn in 'The Tudors', was there. It was a fabulous night. I had never experienced London at night on the river, I fell in love with the place again. I used to live in London and I don't normally like it.

"I love making people laugh, my shows are very silly and it's good fun getting the adults laughing as well. Some jokes are aimed just at them. I'd love to do the Edinburgh Festival again but it has become too big now.

"Next year I'm going to China as some friends have invited me. The wife is one of the governors of a big English school in Shanghai. They want me to do a show for the kids in the day and another at the Consulate in the evening for all the big wigs.

■ **LIFE IS ROSY: Mike Farley who plays Henry VIII lookalike, Good King Hal**

"It's going to be interesting, I am going to take a couple of my costumes down to the tailors who are famous for being able to make anything in a day for a fraction of the cost over here. I want to see what they can do."

Judy Hares, from Martock, has been Mike's costumier and his robes are as well- known as his face for really looking the part, although he did admit to a little recent "doctoring" due to his age.

A child made the observation that Henry VIII's beard should be red and Mike realised a little "snow" was creeping into his.

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Government windfall totalling £77k will help prevent floods

AN ambitious proposal to help prevent flooding in Somerset was launched by county councillors last week and, in a separate announcement, more than half a million pounds could be returned to council budgets to protect some key frontline services.

The news follows a last minute government funding windfall of more than £770,000, announced as the council's own budget was being finalised.

The extra cash would fund a proposal to come to full council to set aside a total of £200,000 for landowners and residents to help them in clearing their roadside gullies and ditches affected by floods through grants. Funding would also be used to monitor the grants so that essential work is prioritised.

Cabinet member Councillor Harvey Siggs said: "This is an important step to try and tackle flooding issues with all the problems and damage that was caused. Many people, including landowners, do not realise that they are responsible for clearing gullies and ditches on their own property or land, it is not down to the council. But we are very aware of the tough financial times we are living in, and we have set up this flood prevention budget to help people out where we can."

In a separate move, councillors also voted on proposals to spend more than half a million pounds of this windfall on frontline services. The new proposals would see free transport for excluded school pupils continue, along with free transport for children with special needs.

In addition, over £100,000 will be dedicated to continuing dementia support, £60,000 given back to children's centres and £100,000 set aside to take into account the increased costs of providing homecare services in more rural areas of the county.

Two of the biggest cash sums would be put back into budgets for support to raise achievements in schools and early years (£150,000), and learning disability services (£100,000). This gives the county council more time to consult and reconfigure services to ensure they meet customers' needs.

John Osman, leader of Somerset County Council, said: "On the day full council meets to approve next year's budget, I am delighted to announce some last minute changes that will benefit thousands of residents across the county.

"This £770,000 windfall will enable us to help prevent our county against future floods, save transport for children with special educational needs and provide a fairer homecare service for our most vulnerable."

Details of how landowners and residents can apply for grant funding to help them clear their roadside gullies will be released shortly.

Carers to benfit from new scheme

MORE carers in Somerset are to benefit from much-valued support with the recent launch of Compass Carers.

Delivered by Compass Disability and funded by Somerset County Council and NHS Somerset, the service aims to work with carers to find ways for them to improve their own well-being and help them have a life outside caring.

It is thought that only a fraction of people in a caring role consider themselves to be carers and seek the support that's available. Compass Carers will be working to ensure that more people who provide unpaid care access the help they are entitled to.

Councillor Christine Lawrence, cabinet member for health and adult social care, said: "If you give up your time, without pay, to look after a family member, friend or a neighbour who is ill, frail or has a disability, then you are a carer.

"We know of around 6,000 carers in Somerset who provide varying levels of support for someone who could not otherwise manage without that support. However, we think that there may be over 50,000 carers within Somerset and we want to make sure they are aware of the services available to support them, or how they can access these services."

The new service includes carers support workers, who work with carers on a one-to-one basis to provide local information about services, voluntary groups and carer support groups,

practical advice on how to organise respite breaks, information on financial assistance or training providers to help them achieve their career goals, emotional support, training in practical tasks of caring and having a life outside their caring role.

It will also develop a support network of volunteers - experienced carers who can offer some help with household tasks or a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

Richard Pitman, chief executive of Compass Disability Services, said: "One of the key challenges facing Compass Carers is reaching those people that do an amazing job, but don't see themselves as a carer. They see themselves as a husband or wife, son or daughter, friend or neighbour.

"We need to ensure that all people who undertake unpaid caring responsibilities, including those who do not recognise or choose to identify themselves as carers, are made aware of the services provided by the Compass Carers' team.

"Caring for another person can be a lonely and stressful experience. If you need support and advice or just someone to talk to, please ring us on 01823 255911 and we will discuss what is concerning you and help you find the best way forward."

Further information about the service can be found at www.compasscarers.org.uk.

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NHS Trust award

SOMERSET Partnership NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted for the finals of the national Skills for Care Accolade Awards.

The trust was shortlisted in the category "Most effective employer support for newly qualified social workers".

The winner of the Accolade award will be announced at a prestigious event to be held in the Park Plaza Hotel, London, on March 14th.

Barry Hughes, project development co-ordinator for social work with the trust, said: "Our team are delighted to have been nominated once again to the finals of this award.

As a trust, we strive to support our newly qualified social workers in a way that places quality and good practice at the heart of everything we do. It's just one of the ways we reflect the real commitment we have to continually improving services in adult social care in Somerset."

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Peace group talk

SOUTH Somerset Peace Group will welcome guest speaker Rhiannon Redpath at their meeting on Tuesday, February 26th.

The meeting will be held in the Minster Rooms in Ilminster from 7.30pm

Rhiannon is policy and campaigns officer for Gender Action for Peace and Security and her talk will cover women's rights in Afghanistan.

Admission costs £3.

The peace group will also be holding a vigil at the front of Victoria Hall in Crewkerne tomorrow (Saturday), from 11am to 12noon.

Twinning quiz night

CREWKERNE and District Twinning Association will host its annual quiz on Saturday, March 2nd at the Coach and Horses in South Perrott.

Teams of four are asked to arrive at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Entry costs £10 per team.

To book a team, phone 01460 75025.

Carnival fundraiser

CHARD Carnival Committee will hold a coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday) at the Baptist Church in Holyrood Street, Chard, from 9am to 12noon.

The fundraising event will include a cheque presentation at 11am from the carnival committee to the RNLI and Headway Somerset.

Bingo night

AN Easter-theme bingo night will be held at Misterton Village Hall on Monday, March 18th.

The event will be held in aid of hall funds and a number of Easter prizes will be up for grabs.

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A musical murder mystery... pirate style!

By Marion Draper

YOUTH Amateur Productions' (YAPS) second performance as a group was a delightful and light-hearted musical murder mystery, held at Chard Guildhall.

"Yo Ho Who Dunnit", written by Vicki Taylor and Stage4Kidz founder Jackie Smith, was an entertaining tale and, although it was the job of the audience to figure out who murdered the pirate, they could have been forgiven for losing the plot in amongst the visual fun on stage.

The young actors made a good team and the regular popping-up (and falling down!) of drunken Sid, with enthusiastic dancing in between, was a great joke. The conversion of the "Oliver" favourite to "Fish Glorious Fish" was another great touch.

Made up of members over eight years from Stage4kidz, the theatre school which runs in Chard and Crewkerne, YAPS wanted to show what they could do it on their own and formed the separate non-profit group they last year, making their debut with "Cindy The Musical" in May.

The members are involved in all areas of the production, from choosing the script, sourcing and making the costumes and props, to choreographing, lighting, sound and directing.

■ ISLAND TRIBE: Witchdoctor Mankinni (Charlie Helbert) and the natives

■ GIRL POWER: Janice and Valerie (Amy Male and Charlotte Smith)

■ HAPPY CHAPPY: Smeckles, played by Jake Crump

■ PIRATE DUO: Cooky (Katie Gill) and Captain Mac Marrow (Adam Smith)

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Local mother campaigning for life-saving equipment in schools

WITH the cardiac charity SADS UK urging the government to pass a law to ensure all schools have defibrillators in place, a local mum is taking the situation in hand and fundraising for the life-saving equipment herself.

Linda Kellaway, who works in the office at Tatworth Primary, is supporting the SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) "Big Shock" campaign to place defibrillators in schools. She hoped sharing her personal story would help highlight the issue.

Mrs Kellaway, who lives in Chard with her husband and three sons, said: "My youngest son Charlie, now aged nine, was diagnosed at birth with a rare heart condition called Congenitially Corrected Transposition of the great arteries. In this condition, problems develop because of leaky heart valves, abnormal electrical conduction in the heart, or the inability of the right ventricle to continue the hard work of pumping blood to the entire body and backward flow through the leaky valve.

"It is the abnormal electrical conduction which causes his heart to be at risk of a condition called heart block. Thankfully he has no sign of this as yet, of which I am immensely grateful.

"I am sharing Charlie's personal story as I have decided to start some fundraising to initially buy a defibrillator for Charlie's school, Tatworth Primary, where I work, and then in the future to continue in the hope that I can raise enough to get them for other schools in the area, including his secondary school when he moves.

"I will be involved in and also organising lots of events over the next few months so this is warning that I will be bugging people for donations and event attendance!

"One defibrillator device is in the region of £2,000, maybe a little less. If his schools could have one, this would give me huge peace of mind, not just for Charlie, but for all the pupils, staff and visitors, as well as the local community.

"SADS UK provide information to show that it's not just a child with a diagnosed medical condition that can benefit from the portable defibrillators, in the past, they have saved the lives of other children and also staff members."

■ DEFIBRILLATORS FOR SCHOOLS: Linda Kellaway and son Charlie

To support Linda's initiative visit her JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/linda-kellaway or donate via JustTextGiving through Vodafone by texting DFIB65 and the amount you wish to pledge with, starting with a £ sign, to 70070 or send a cheque to Tatworth Primary School, School Lane, Tatworth, Chard TA20 2RX, payable to SADS UK.

Further details are available on the Facebook page "Linda Kellaway Defibrillator Fundraising" and on Twitter @LKDefib.

Primary school students visit Holyrood for netball contest

■ HOLYROOD Academy played host to a High 5's Netball Tournament for local primary schools earlier this month.

Holyrood welcomed eight teams, consisting of about 24 boys and 36 girls, to the courts at the school.

The young pupils enjoyed a fantastic atmosphere, created by the large number of supporting staff, parents and friends, making the event a huge success.

Participating schools inincluded Avishayes, Buckland, Chard, Combe, Neroche, Tatworth and Winsham.

Winners of the competition were Combe and Chard, which will now go forward to represent the Holyrood cluster in the South Somerset District Finals to be played on Wednesday, March 20th.

School sports co-ordinator, Jason Hedaux, wishes these teams well in the finals.

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Councillor calls for backing for horse charity

By Marion Draper

CHARD county councillor, Jill Shortland OBE, was so impressed by the forward thinking at Special Horses for Special Children that she upped her original offer of a £500 donation to £1,500.

Councillor Shortland will donate the money from her health and wellbeing budget, as she was disappointed to learn that the therapy being offered to children with special needs at the centre, based at Scrapton, near Chard, is not receiving any NHS or government backing.

The centre relies solely charitable donations to supplement the reduced fees they offer for low-income families. Councillor Shortland is now lobbying for government action and, when she visited the centre recently to donate the money, she brought local MP and Minister of State for Schools, David Laws, along with her to see the set up for himself.

Mr Laws was instantly taken with the ponies and said he appreciated the benefits of horses and dogs in childhood friendships, and the fact they were non-judgemental. He told staff and trustees what a beautiful place he thought it was and met a young deaf boy who has been a regular visitor, enjoying being around the special horses.

■ MAKING FRIENDS: David Laws MP with therapy pony Pingu

The MP said he had heard a lot about the work the charity was doing and was keen to come for a longer visit next month, when he hoped to meet the founder Lilias Ahmeira.

Councillor Shortland and fellow county councillor Jenny Kenton, who has also donated £500 to the charity from her health and wellbeing fund, had previously attended a VIP day at the yard and watched some of the children experiencing sensory therapy horseback and double riding, as well as joining in the play time.

The councillors spoke to staff and some of the parents who explained how the holistic approach of Ms Ahmeira, which involved the whole family in the sessions, was improving their wellbeing as well as that of their children.

The centre works with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum, suffering neurological disorder or emotional issues due to bullying, bereavement, abuse and separation anxiety. Highly trained horses and ponies are used for sensory therapy, confidence building playtime and specialist riding.

Recently, the charity also began offering Asdan educational courses, which rewards youngsters with learning difficulties with certification in equine care.

The Chard WATCH group and students from 3Dimensions school are among those involved.

Councillor Shortland said: "The powers that be need to listen to what is going on here. They need to realise that this is a unique place and we have it right here in Somerset.

"Local families are benefiting but others are travelling hundreds of miles to come here, because they are getting help they cannot find anywhere else. This is also good for local business, as families who travel are staying in local accommodation.

■ RAISING AWARENESS: MP David Laws, county councillor Jill Shortland OBE, and chairman of trustees Claire Hart (centre) with staff, trustees, volunteers and therapy horse Cracker

"Special Horses should not be having to struggle to find the money to help these families, they should be getting financial support and that is why I was happy to give them what I could from my budget and also why I am lobbying in Westminster for something to be done."

Councillor Shortland also brought with her Jason Baker, a member of the Chard Town Team who will be standing in the county elections in May. He said he had no idea something this important was on his doorstep and was keen to help.

Chairman of the charity's trustees, Claire Hart, said they were extremely grateful to Councillor Shortland for her donation and for her efforts, along with Mr Laws, to highlight the important work carried out at the centre.

The trustees are now looking forward to Mr Laws' return to the centre, which they hope will raise their profile.

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■ SHARED GOODWILL: Jason (centre) and Eva Mills with son Aaron (centre right) of Sequoia Land and Property presenting to the Lawns Children's Nursery

Boost for children at The Lawns

THE LAWNS Children's Nursery, in Crewkerne, was presented with a £1,000 donation is from Sequoia Land and Property, a local company currently working on redeveloping Tailors Yard, the old shirt factory in Abbey Street.

Nursery owners Emma and James Sherman, who took over the site of the old Red Cross building in Chubbs Lawn, Middle Path, by turning it into a day nursery, hope to use the donation to improve their large garden.

They plan to put in some natural resources for the children, such as a willow tunnel or house and a seating area and plant trees and shrubs.

Husband and wife team Jason and Eva Mills, from Sequoia, specialise in improving old properties. Their two year old son Aaron goes to the nursery and the couple decided they wanted to help make the outside space more exciting for the children to share.

The children also recenrly enjoyed a tour of the old shirt factory.

Winter warmers at Henhayes

THE HENHAYES Community Centre in Crewkerne has recently received a grant from the Somerset Community Foundation to help increase its meal service for vulnerable people during the current winter months.

The centre will be circulating leaflets around the town promoting the freshly cooked meals provided, stressing that - following the recent horsemeat scandal - all meals are prepared on site using meat from local butchers and fresh vegetables, followed by a homemade dessert.

As part of the grant the centre trustees were asked to distribute some goodie bags of winter warmers to people who use the centre, which contained a fleece wrap, fleece hat, thermal socks, an insulated cup and information on ideal room temperatures, including a thermometer (pictured right). A total of 50 of these packs have been handed out to regular customers.

The Henhayes Centre, although catering mainly for older people of Crewkerne, is open to everyone from 9am to 4pm five days a week. A hot meal is served at 12.30pm for anyone who would like one, booking is requested by 10.30am each day.

One of Crewkerne Voluntary transport's two minibuses is hired by the centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to bring townspeople in for coffee, to socialise and have lunch.

To book a place on the bus contact the centre on 01460 74340 at least a day in advance.

Henhayes is also open on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12noon for tea or coffee and cakes.

Inner Wheel raise £1,500 in shop

MEMBERS of Crewkerne Inner Wheel would like to thank everyone who supported their voluntary work in the Rotary Shop on Fridays during November, December and January.

A total of £500 was raised for Children in Need, £200 for Riding for Disabled at Henstridge and a further £800 was raised for Inner Wheel Charities.

At the January meeting, held at the Haselbury Mill, district chairman Lyn Harrison explained that she would be visiting all 28 clubs in District 20, from Quantocks to Warminster, and Yeovil to Weymouth and Bridport.

She told members about her life, including supporting her husband during his police career. The couple now run a small holding near Sherborne.

Mrs Harrison also inducted three new club members, Mary Cooper, Anne Rowland and Heather Wyatt, and said she hoped they would enjoy their membership of Crewkerne Inner Wheel, and the extended Rotary family.

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■ FOR THE CHILDREN: Carol Adams and Sue Kierle present a cheque to Carol Rogers, local fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West, with Steve Dyer, manager of the Knights Brothers garage at Thornefalcon

Fundraising sisters hand over cheque

FUNDRAISING sisters Carol Adams and Sue Kierle gave a £1,300 boost to Norton Friends of Children's Hospice South West and charity supporter Carol Rogers, fro Stoke Sub Hamdon.

Mrs Kierle, who works at Redgate Co-op in Bridgewater, sells second-hand books at the store and also makes cakes and jewellery, which her sister sells at Knights Brothers garage at Thornfalcon.

Together with husband Doug and friend Del Gard, Mrs Rogers runs regular country music events to fundraise for Children's Hospice South West but, after they lost their fourth, Del's late husband Rod, the group slowed down on other fundraisers such as their large annual draw.

At a bingo night in Ashill they met the sisters, who agreed their next fundraiser would be for the Children's Hospice.

Other wishing to support the charity, Mrs Rogers runs Smokestack Country Music Club on the third Saturday of each month at the Millenium Hall, Seavington St Mary, near Ilminster, with all live bands from around the country.

On Saturday, May 18th there will be a special night with a band from Manchester, Pat Jordan and Finians Rainbow, which always draws a crowd. The band plays country music also some Irish and a few 1960s numbers.

Tickets for this special night are £9 each. There is no bar but guests can bring their own bottle. Tea and coffee included. To book phone Carol on 01935 881510.

Stuart celebrates success in world of science fiction

ILMINSTER author Stuart Lee, who writes under the name Samsun Lobe, is now well on his way to success in the world of science fiction and fantasy.

Last year saw the release of the final book in his "Dying Star" trilogy, "Darkness", and earlier this month he released his new series, "RUIN: Birth of a Legend".

Stuart said: The 'Dying Star' series has had some great feedback and I have now sold several thousand copies, so all is going well.

'Ruin' has already received some very positive reviews. I will be promoting it around the country at 14 or so conventions, and I will be travelling as far afield as Glasgow and Dublin. I launched the book in Telford at the Midlands Comicon, where it was well received."

Originally trained as an artist and designer, Stuart has worked in the digital media and computer games industry for 22 years and has been running his own e-learning software development company, Ligthcurve, for the last eight years at Ashwell business park.

He attributes his writing skills to having written over 40 e-learning courses and games in the last few years. He added that his love of playing football, rink hockey and riding quad bikes, combined with having studied various martial arts for over 20 years, has helped him write fight scenes.

Stuart explained that his new books take the reader to the foreboding world of Mareta through the eyes of a young warrior who strikes before he thinks. The consequences of his actions ripple across the land and shatter the fragile peace.

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■ NUMBER FOUR: Ilminster author Samsun Lobe, real name Stuart Lee, with his new book Ruin

Despite his world of fantasy, Stuart believes in helping the local community and has volunteered his skills behind the scenes for local events and also contributed to the website that promotes Ilminster to tourists.

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Masons lights up theatre group with £100 donation

THE recently renamed Ilminster theatre company MaKe, formerly MAdD, received a cheque for £100 from the Nyanza Masonic Lodge last week.

Sophy Layzell, Kat Wilsher and Robin Webber received the donation on behalf of the group from Martin Lock at a presentation at the Shrubbery Hotel.

The group has been fundraising specifically for four new dimmer packs at £57 each to make the most of the existing lights they have. Their fundraising over the Christmas holidays raised £104, of which they donated £14 to Chard Tesco's Cancer Research UK fund by way of thanks for being allowed to sing in the store's lobby.

Now, thanks to the Masonic donation they can afford the equipment needed.

Lighting technician Jim Hawkridge said: "It's the best way to enhance our rig so that we can incorporate our older par cans with our new LEDs."

■ LET THERE BE LIGHTS: Sophy Layzell, Kat Wilsher and Robin Webber of MaKe with Martin Lock from Nyanza Masonic Lodge

The theatre company, which took their own original show to the Edinburgh Fringe last year, is busy working on another new production.

Co-founder Sophy Layzell said: "You can see the lights in September when we embark on a small rural tour of 'O is For', our brand new musical set in a secondary school as they await inspection.

"It includes the musical numbers 'School Run', 'Sip by Sip', 'The Learning Curve' and 'Somethingís Brewing'. It's very much in the spirit of our last musical, 'Retail Therapy' and is a light, character driven piece, full of cliches and silly moments!

"We have recently had our annual general meeting and changed to a youth theatre. Our age range is now for 16 to 25 year olds, although we may invite both older and younger performers should it be appropriate.

"We also have changed our name to MaKe theatre, for several reasons. The main one is that if you Google Madd, rather a long list of performing arts groups pop up!

"We also thought that our niche is very much on creating new work, so MaKe is much more suitable. Our logo is similar so that we are still recognisable."

Campaign continues to open right of way on Bumpy Lane

By Marion Draper

ILMINSTER residents are continuing a campaign to open a right along a northern farm track known a Bumpy Lane.

Residents of Winterhay Lane attended an Ilminster Town Council Open Space Committee meeting to see if councillors still backed their cause, following a report by the Somerset County Council.

The county council wrote to town councillors in January with a full report including photos and maps, one of which was from 1821. The officer's recommendation to the county's Regulation Committee, which will meet on March 7th, was that Bumpy Lane should not be adopted and put on the definitive map.

They will allow five supporters and five objectors to attend at the meeting next month.

Ilminster town clerk read out a summary of the county council report, which gave its reasoning for not establishing the right of was as: "The criteria for deemed dedication Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 have not been fulfilled, sufficient evidence has not been found which shows that public rights subsist or that have reasonably alleged to subsist."

Town councillors, many of whom said they had used the lane themselves, agreed by a majority vote that they would continue to support the claim of the residents at the Regulation Committee.

Resident Scott Waldie, who was the spokesperson for the half dozen families who live at the other end of the lane, made the following statement following the council's decision: "Farmers and residents living and working on Northern Winterhay Lane are much distressed by the Ilminster Town Council's cavalier reaction to the Somerset County Council officers report, recommending no change in the private road status of Winterhay Lane.

"We believe that had the town councillors read this excellent report a little more carefully they would have seen a clear need to revise their initial view of the situation which as has already been advised to them, was based on inaccurate and inadequate information."

He added that this was a working farm lane which did not combine easily with a footpath.

County making progress on new 'smart office'

PROGRESS is being made by Somerset County Council in plans for a new "smart office" programme, which officials have claimed will save millions of pounds.

The layout of three wings of B Block at County Hall, Taunton, have been changed to make more efficient use of the office space. This month saw senior managers and Cabinet Members move out of individual offices, into an open plan hot-desking arrangement along with other staff.

Elsewhere, staff are sharing offices with West Somerset Council in Williton, generating a financial saving for the county council of about £11,000 per year.

Most of the costs incurred so far have been investment in technology, with £113,749 spent on office furniture.

Cabinet Member for Resources, David Huxtable, said: "We are working to reduce our number of administrative offices from 33 down to five, which is expected to deliver revenue savings of approximately £900,000 per year from 2015/16 onwards.

"This is all about cutting back office costs so that we can focus budgets on the services that matter. To reduce spend on offices, we need to invest in furniture and technology solutions that allow our staff to work more flexibly and efficiently."

The full programme requires a total investment of £12.5million over a period of five years.

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High street shops become a hot topic of debate!

by Mark Savill of NOVA HOMES

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Every year our proportion of retail spend in the high street has gone down and the amount we spend online has gone up.

In total this Christmas 10 per cent of all purchases were made online with the flexible delivery options such as click and collect coming to the fore.

The role of the shop is changing - and that is because as buyers we want to do the hard work online and maybe visit the showroom to see the product and collect it rather than traipse around looking for the best deals.

Property has been ahead of this curve for some time now.

The advent of the property portals - and Rightmove still dominates this by a country mile - have enabled buyers to effectively view houses online.

If your property only has a few photos, no floorplan, and no street view then in the world where visual technology is king you are missing a trick. Well, several tricks actually!

Speaking to buyers I have come across plenty who have said if there isn't a floorplan they simply put that property into the discard pile.

If photographs of rooms are missing on the details they are suspicious as to why.

So what should you insist on for marketing your home this spring? Number one has to be attractive details with lots, and lots and lots of photographs!

If buyers have discarded words for pictures your home should speak to those buyers in the language of photographs.

The same applies to floorplans - not a 'would like' but a 'must have'.

And a floorplan with measurements and a square footage on it as well - not a cop out approximate image but an accurate representation of your property.

Finally give consideration to the words that are used. The language needs to be sharp and punchy and tell the buyer quickly and succinctly why they should be buying your home.

For years Rightmove have been telling us that the more visual images there are the higher the chance that someone will request more information on that property.

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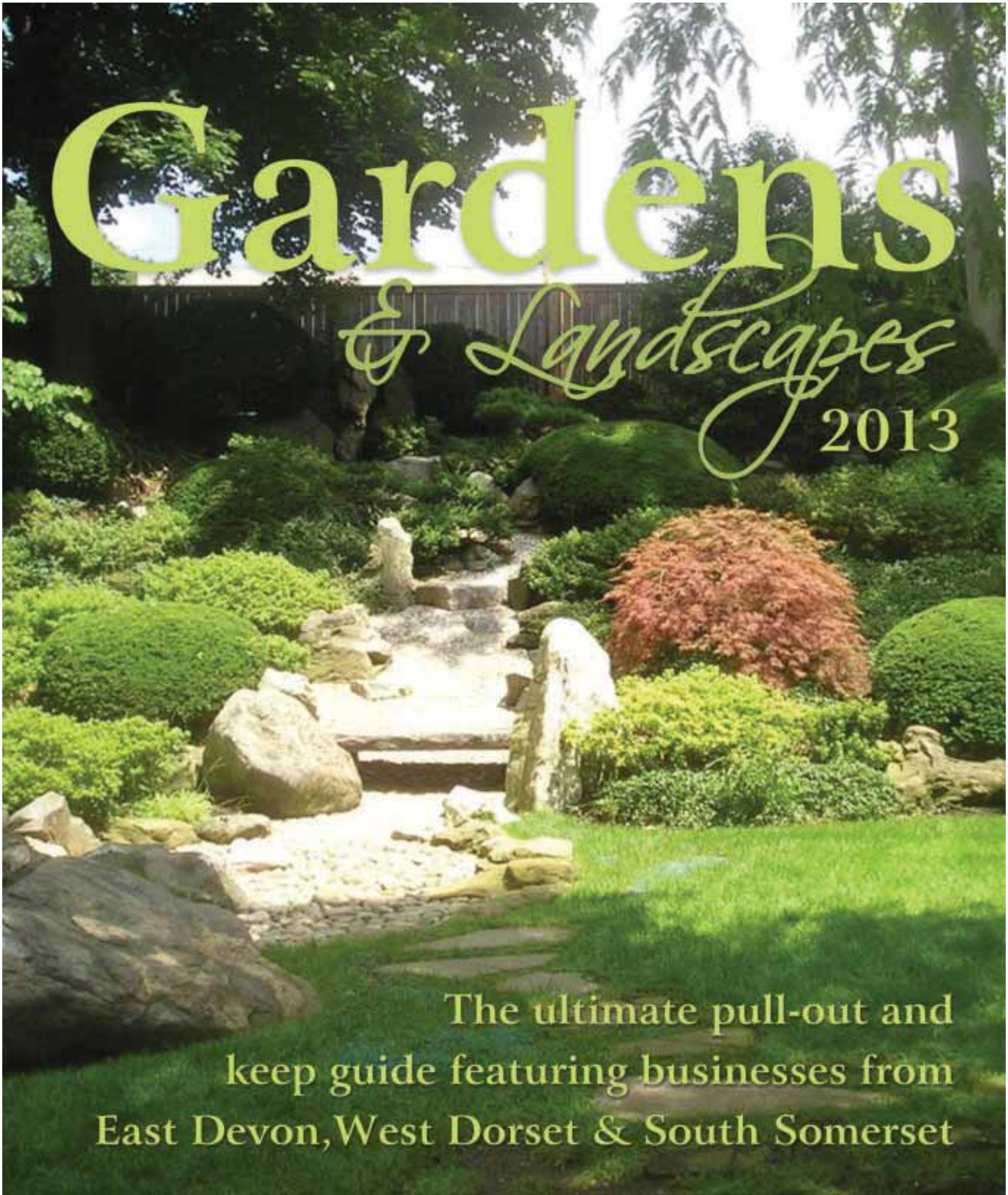

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The Company's red pickups with their distinctive logos have become a familiar site on the local roads for the last 26 years. Our roots remain firmly in Beaminster with our yard in Tunnel Road behind Little Groves.

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Kieran Haplin and Yogi Jockusch to play at The David Hall

IN THE last 33 years, the Irish singer/songwriter Kieran Haplin has recorded 19 albums, one DVD and published three songbooks. He is rightly regarded as one of the hardest working musicians with upwards of 160 gigs per year. In 2011 Kieran released his 20th CD – The Devil and His Dealing – a collection of 11 new songs and featuring Kieran's new touring partner, Yogi Jockusch, on percussion.

Yogi Jockusch is one of the most respected percussionists in Europe today. He has been constantly employed in his native city of Hamburg as No 1 percussion player in the top German versions of such shows as The Lion King, Mama Mia, Tarzan etc.

Together they create an amazing live sound and constantly receive rave reviews for their shows. Theirs is a unique combination that has to be seen to be believed.

The David Hall's Pete Wheeler says: *"In April 2012, the week before Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin were due to appear at The David Hall, I received a phone call from Kieran to say he was in the area and had a night off. He attended the gig and performed a few songs for us and straight away impressed everyone who was there. It was then that this concert was arranged. Fabulous songs played and sung with real passion. The Devil and His Dealing has become one of my most played CD's. Having Yogi perform with Kieran will make this night even more special. Two great talents for the price of one."*

Kieran Haplin and Yogi Jockusch play at South Petherton's David Hall on Saturday, February 23rd at 8pm.

Tickets cost £12 (full) and £10 (concessions), and can be booked and paid for via the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk .They can also be purchased at N & D News, St James Street, South Petherton and reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or by e-mailing boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk

Kieran Haplin

Ilminster producer to attend Food Festival

A CAKE maker from the Ilminster area will be attending a festival at a Somerset garden centre this weekend (February 23rd and 24th, 2013).

Sally Ann's Cakes will be at Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre's Food Festival on February 23rd and 2th4 from 11am until 4pm.

Norma Moore, General Manager of the award-winning, independent family-run garden centre at Monkton Heathfield near Taunton, explained: "Our Food Festival will show our customers exactly what sort of wonderful produce we have on offer in the area.

"Sally Ann's Cakes will be bringing in a selection of its baked goods for customers to sample.

"We will also have a range of bread, chocolates, meats and preserves available for people to browse and try.

"There will be a table of produce that we sell in our shop too, which will include crisps, preserves and ciders for those aged 18 and over."

Orlando Murrin, who was the editor of BBC Good Food, will be launching the Food Festival at 11am on Saturday, February 23.

He has also worked on magazines such as Radio Times and Cosmopolitan, was a semi-finalist on Masterchef in 1992. During his time on the magazine he talent-spotted such names as Gordon Ramsay and Jamie Oliver.

In 2003 he and his partner Peter Steggall set up the bistro Manoir de Raynaudes in South West France, which proved to be very successful. After five years they decided to take on a new challenge and opened Langford Fivehead in Lower Swell in 2012.

Orlando said: "I am delighted to be launching the Food Festival at Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre and I'll be looking forward to browsing some of the great food that Somerset has to offer.

"I hardly dare admit it, but for me a trip to Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre is almost as much fun as being in my own garden."

The Food Festival will be held in the Jubilee building at the garden centre, which was awarded the Albert Goodman Family Business Award at the Somerset Business Awards in 2012.

It will take place on Saturday, February 23rd and Sunday, February 24th from 11am until 4pm. Orlando will be officially opening the event at 11am on February 23rd.

To find out more about the festival, please call Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre, which is located just off the A38 at Monkton Heathfield near Taunton, on 01823 412381 or visit www.monktonelmgardencentre.co.uk.

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THE next Local Craft and Produce Market at Ilminster Arts Centre will take place on Saturday, March 2nd.

The markets at Ilminster Arts Centre are a great way to support local craft makers and food producers, and are a good place to find an unusual gift.

On Saturday's the galleries and Craft Shop are open 9.30am-2.30pm and our Café 10am-2pm, making Ilminster Arts Centre the perfect place to relax and enjoy a leisurely Saturday.

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Dreadzone bring their Escapades to Bridport

NOW in their 19th year, original pioneers of UK bass culture Dreadzone are back on the road, promoting their brand new studio album Escapades.

This follows an inimitable seven album career, spanning movements on Creation Records and Virgin, not to mention independent releases on their own Dubwiser Records.

The current band line up comprises core members Greg Dread, original bassmaster Leo Williams, the unmistakable MC Spee and legendary vocalist Earl 16, alongside Chris Compton on guitar and Bazil on technology.

Showcasing a roof-raising fusion of Dub, Ska, Reggae, Techno and Roots, their live performances are packed full of energy and never fail to get people dancing. They have long since rendered them favourites of national and international crowds alike.

Already selling quickly, this show in Bridport will be a rare opportunity for Dorset to witness a breathtaking performance from one of the most powerfully eclectic bands around. Don't miss your chance to do so!

Dreadzone play at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, March 22nd. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 in advance (plus standard booking fee) available by calling 01308 428354 or online at www.seetickets.com

Dreadzone

Del Amitri frontman to play Electric Palace gig

SCOTTISH singer/songwriter Justin Currie is most famous for his role as founder member, main songwriter and lead singer of the Scottish alternative rock band Del Amitri. Del Amitri achieved enormous success throughout the 1990s with several Top 10 albums in the UK and a Top 10 single 'Roll To Me' in the USA.

As well as leading Del Amitri, Currie also tours as a solo artist. His songwriting is perhaps shown the most clearly when it is just Currie either solo or as duo. His voice is simply stunning, powerful yet understated vocals and with sound that, whilst instantly familiar from Del Amitri, has a beautifully modern feel. With influences from Nick Cave, Crowded House and Mark Lanegan, his music is hauntingly dark, yet refreshingly uplifting. Simply beautiful.

Justin Currie will be performing live at the Electric Palace this Saturday, February 23rd. Tickets are £20 plus standard booking fee from Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901 or www.seetickets.com Doors open 7pm / Starts 8pm

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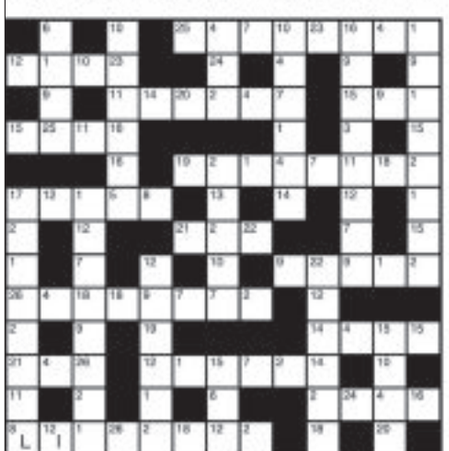
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Not so many in the cafe we run (5)
4. Fish forced to come to land (7)
8. Doesn't move the corpse (7)
9. Make an admission (3,2)
10. Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear (4)
11. What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)

13 and 19 Down. Screen section put back as a hatch (4-4)

14 and 17 Across. Besides a greater amount in surplus (8)

16. The end of the trip - touch down before autumn (8)
17. See 14 Across.
20. Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
21. An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
22. The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
23. They are characterised in an adaptation of "The Loser" (5)

Down

1. Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
2. Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
3. Fence the track (4)
4. A crowd by the Spanish accommodation building (6)
5. Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
6. External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
7. Schools that have small charges (13)
12. The result of incomplete waxing! (4-4)
13. Could they be an inclusion in temporary accommodation? (7)
15. Stick to use as an axe (6)
18. Six talk endlessly, being full of life (5)
19. See 13 Across.

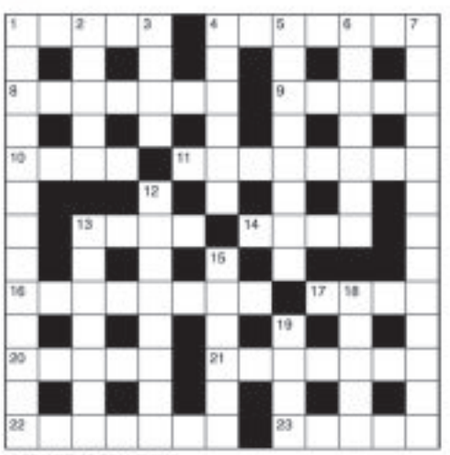
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Happen (5)
4. In addition (7)
8. Betrayer (7)
9. Zest (5)
10. Rid (4)
11. Trader (8)
13. Munch (4)
14. Let it stand (4)
16. Maintain (8)
17. Support (4)
20. Sluggish (5)
21. Disclose (7)
22. Beg (7)
23. Finished (5)

Down

1. Rusty (3-2-8)
2. Pursue (5)
3. Scold (4)
4. Trade by exchange (6)
5. Wisdom (8)
6. Far (7)
7. Lacking self-control (5-8)
12. Disparage (8)
13. Vanity (7)
15. Majestic (6)
18. Wandered (5)
19. Pain (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Ship-shape; 8 Upon; 9 Rehearsal; 10 Cereal; 11 Atoll; 14 Units; 15 Dice; 16 Drill; 18 Ears; 20 Inept; 21 Servo; 24 Settle; 25 Magnolias; 26 Once; 27 Essential. Down: 1 Punctures; 2 Courtiers; 4 Heat; 5 Plait; 6 Herald; 7 Plan; 9 Rated; 11 A time; 12 Limestone; 13 Feathered; 17 Lives; 19 Seance; 22 Valet; 23 Deis; 24 Saga. QUICK - Across: 3 Transport; 8 Espy; 9 Stretched; 10 Fleece; 11 Cycle; 14 Radio; 15 Edge; 16 Plays; 18 Thud; 20 Tack; 21 Roast; 24 Fasten; 25 Frightful; 26 Soon; 27 Sternness. Down: 1 Perforate; 2 Splendour; 4 Rite; 5 Needy; 6 Pickle; 7 Reel; 9 Scoop; 11 Chart; 12 Education; 13 Pertinent; 17 Steal; 19 Dodger; 22 Satin; 23 Fret; 24 Fuss.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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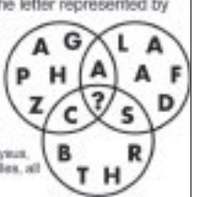
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is I. Dionysus, Poseidon, Achilles, all Greek gods.

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Concert celebrates the fiddle and banjo

Kate Lissauer, The Gollywhoppers and Stompin' Dave set to perform at South Petherton's David Hall

A SPECIAL concert to celebrate one of most enduring combination of instruments the fiddle and the banjo takes place on Friday, March 1st at The David Hall, South Petherton. It will feature a great triple bill of Kate Lissauer, The Gollywhoppers and Stompin' Dave Allen.

Kate Lissauer originally from Maryland USA, currently resident in England, is a highly regarded exponent of American old-time country music. Kate has been performing and teaching for many years, and brings her knowledge and love of mountain, bluegrass and folk music to life through her passionate instrumental and vocal style. She presently performs as a solo artist and with her band, Buffalo Gals who are fast becoming the UK's favourite string band and recently appeared on radio 4's Women Hour. Her appearances include folk clubs and folk festivals, international music and dance festivals.

Kate's musical history includes playing with one of Maryland's champion string bands, Rev. Chip and the Moonbrides, touring as a member of the legendary Steptones Appalachian cloggers, who helped to bring American step-dancing to the UK. Kate began her career as a champion fiddler in her home state of Maryland, and is also an expert clawhammer and old-time three-finger banjo picker, a guitarist, and singer. Her solo performances range through a great variety of music, including old ballads upon which she has placed her own stamp, blues and gospel songs, hard-driving fiddle tunes, and one of her trademarks - fiddle backed songs.

Dawlish duo The Gollywhoppers(named after the North American crane-fly) is a recently formed duo playing old-time music. Andrew Henley and Emily Poole both sing and play fiddle, banjo and guitar. Their songs and tunes draw on early recordings. Both have been part of the UK old-time scene for many years, playing in various bands at festivals and for Appalachian dance teams. They have already been invited to perform at The Friends Of American Old-Time Music (the UK's Old-Time music society) Festival in Lincolnshire, Burnham Folk Festival, Orwell Bluegrass Festival, Didmarton Bluegrass Festival and at Teignmouth Folk Festival. "Back porch mountain music…highly entertaining" The Old Times News.

Local fiddle and banjo man Stompin' Dave has organised and performed at three very successful events at David Hall this last couple of years including Sublime Folk with Maurice Dickson, Winter Blues with Michael Roach, & A Bluegrass Concert with The Carrivick Sisters. Dave has performed across England, Ireland and Wales including Glastonbury Festival, London Remix Festival, The Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival, Maverick Festival, Ealing Blues Festival, Southsea Folk & Roots Festival, and The Great Dorset Steam Fair to name but a few. Dave won the FOAOTMAD old-time banjo competition 2011, was runner-up in FOAOTMAD old-time dancing competiton 2012. "A master of…a formidable musician and a true original." The Daily Telegraph.

Advance tickets are £12 (on the door £14) available online via www.thedavidhall.org.uk. The David Hall Box Office is open Wednesday and Friday 11 - 1.30pm. Tel (01460) 240340. Doors open at 7.30pm, shows starts at 8pm.

Kate Lissauer

The Gollywhoppers

Stompin' Dave

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo at South Perrott Village Hall (A356). Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. In aid of Church Funds.

TATWORTH: Film: Hope Springs. At Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Details call 01460 220198

ILMINSTER: Get Up and Go Over 25s Party Night with DJ Gary Lawrence. At the Shrubbery Hotel from 8pm til late. Members £3, non-members £5.

CREWKERNE: Tea Dance and Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45-4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits. All welcome. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

ILMINSTER: Quiz Night at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House. 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £12 per team (of up to six people). For more details call 01460 55783.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

MISTERTON: Craft Fayre at Misterton Village Hall from 11am-3pm. You will find local crafters and designers selling their beautiful and original handmade work. Makers include jewellery, fabric bags, clay crafts, mosaics, home accessories, cards, soap, chutney, jam, bread and cakes. There will be a raffle of handmade prizes, a pop up cafe selling teas and bacon baps and plenty of parking. Entry is free making it easy to enjoy an array of creative talent all under one roof. For more information contact Lorraine 07885424588.

ILMINSTER: Rotary Club of Ilminster have organised a fabulous Charity Gala Night in aid of Children's Hospice South West and other local charities. The event takes place at The Warehouse Theatre, starting at 7.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by The Trinity Singers and The Serenaders. Tickets cost just £8, and can be obtained from Lanes of Ilminster or from Peter Smith - 01460 241544.

CHARD: Chard Carnival Coffee Morning at the Baptist Church 9am-12noon. Hot and cold drinks, cakes, and other stalls.

CLAPTON: Quiz and Supper Evening at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, starting at 7pm. All welcome, come in a team or join one on the night. Prizes awarded to the winning team and there will be a licensed bar and raffle. Please book in advance by calling 01460 75380. £8 entrance includes a hot supper.

CHARD: Annual Prize Bingo in aid of ZEM Carnival Club at Crowhshute House. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.15pm. Raffle, refreshments, free entry. For more details call 01460 62842.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn 10-11.30am. Bargains on every stall. Proceeds to church funds. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Peace Vigil in front of Victoria Hall 11am-12noon.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall from 6.30-9.30pm. In aid of Breeze Dance Co for costumes to perform at the Octagon in June.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

MERRIOTT: A talk and presentation by Philip Gamble on 'Plant Conurbations and Associations' Meet at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, Merriott at 7.30pm. Refreshments and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you. Further details 01460-72298

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they, like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time?
If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be. Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group public meeting, when Rhiannon Redpath, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS UK) will lead a workshop on "The Power of Solidarity: Campaigning for Women's Rights in Afghanistan" as part of the NWNP (No Women, No Peace) campaign. From 7.30pm in the Minster Rooms. All welcome, entry £3, including tea/coffee.

ILMINSTER: Themed Talk: 'Electric Vehicles - why every home should have one' at Home Energy Centre, Ditton Street. Refreshments from 5.30pm for 6-7pm. Discussion until 7.30pm on renewable energy, energy-efficiency and adapting to the impacts of climate. Charge £3.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes. At Henhayes Community Centre.

TATWORTH: Free talk 'Under the Waters of Borneo' at Tatworth Memorial Hall (Brewer Room) from 2pm. Organised by Tatworth and Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198.

CHARD: Meeting Voices Community Choir - New members are very welcome to join. Led by Caroline Rigby, starts at 7.30pm until 9.15pm For more information please phone Anne on 01460 78995 or Listen to us on www.meetingvoices.co.uk/

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

CHARD: Over 50's Club meet once a week on a Thursday afternoon at Crowshute House, Chard from 2.15pm-4pm. We have 5 outings a year to various places we have guest speakers twice a month and also in-house bingo please phone Mrs Dewing for more information 01460 63804.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28TH - SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

TATWORTH: Pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' performed by Tatworth Amateur Pantomime Society at the Memorial Hall. Nightly at 7.30pm, plus Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Ticekts on sale at local village shops.

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

CREWKERNE: Women's World Day of Prayer at St Bartholomew's Church from 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

CREWKERNE: Tea Dance and Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45-4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits. All welcome. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

EAST COKER: 'Dogs without Collars' an evening of rock and boogie for all ages. Dorset vicars play classic favourites from the 60s-80s. Tickets in advance include supper. Adults £12, 16s+under £5, family tickets (2adults+3children) £36. Telephone 01460 72883 / 76457 / 76450 or 76214 to book. In aid of Haselbury and North Perrott Churches.

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

SOUTH PERROTT: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Annual Quiz at the Coach & Horses in South Perrott. 7.30pm for 8pm prompt start. Teams of four at £10 per team. Prizes for winners and runners up. For more details call 01460 75025.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Spring Jumble sale at Norton Village Hall. Doors open at 11am, admission 30p. Many stalls, loads of bargains. Teas and raffle. Proceeds in aid of the village hall. For more details call 01935 881718.

BARRINGTON: Ceilidh with Rum and Kidney Band in aid of Geoff Ball's sponsored trip to the Himalayan foothills for St Margaret's Hospice. Held at Barrington Village Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £10 adult £5 school age £25 family ticket-2 adults & up to 3 children from Horton Post office or call Alan & Nicola Dawe 01460 54698 Gill & Guy Grafton 01460 52033. To include refreshments BYO drinks an glasses. Raffle.

CREWKERNE: Craft and Table Top Sale at the Swan pub. Pop along for an easter / mothers day present and loads of other bargains refreshments. Tables still available, £5. Call 0776 263 9721

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

MAMA [15]

ANNABEL and Lucas are faced with the challenge of raising his young nieces that were left alone in the forest for 5 years.... but how alone were they?

Horror starring Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Megan Charpentier.

CLOUD ATLAS [15]

EVERYTHING is connected: an 1849 diary of an ocean voyage across the Pacific; letters from a composer to his friend; a thriller about a murder at a nuclear power plant; a farce about a publisher in a nursing home; a rebellious clone in futuristic Korea; and the tale of a tribe living in post-apocalyptic Hawaii, far in the future.

Mysterious Sci-Fi stars Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Hugh Grant

TO THE WONDER [15]

AFTER visiting Mont Saint-Michel, Marina and Neil come to Oklahoma, where problems arise. Marina meets a priest and fellow exile, who is struggling with his vocation, while Neil renews his ties with a childhood friend, Jane.

Stars Ben Affleck, Olga Kurylenko and Javier Bardem.

SONG FOR MARION [12A]

AFTER visiting Mont Saint-Michel, Marina and Neil come to Oklahoma, where problems arise. Marina meets a priest and fellow exile, who is struggling with his vocation, while Neil renews his ties with a childhood friend, Jane.

Stars Gemma Arterton, Christopher Eccleston, Terence Stamp and Vanessa Redgrave

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Friday, February 22nd - Thursday, February 28st

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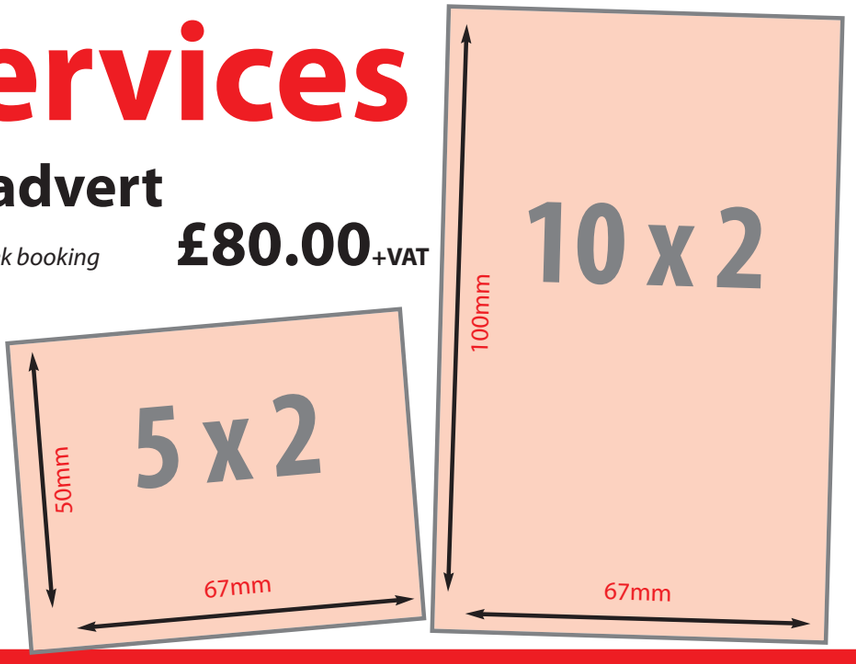

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Nissan revolutionises small car technology with new Nissan Note

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- *Around View Monitor system combines with Nissan Safety Shield to enhance driver's field of vision*
- *Nissan Note will be the the first car in its segment to offer high-end technologies, made affordable through innovative engineering*

NISSAN is set to revolutionise the small car segment and once again prove its credentials as a technological trailblazer with its newest innovation - the Nissan Safety Shield.

Nissan's commitment to innovation, style and excitement has produced some of the most talked-about cars in recent years. And now, following in the tracks of the ground-breaking Qashqai and Juke, the new Note sets the standard for advanced, relevant technology in an affordable small car package. The Note features intelligent, relevant features useful in day-to-day driving, allowing drivers to feel safer and more secure at all times.

With cities across Europe continuing to battle with congestion and road traffic accidents claiming around 34,000 lives each year and leaving more than 1.1 million people injured, Nissan has committed itself to making safety technologies more accessible - Nissan Safety Shield plays a key part in this process. This new technology will be making its global segment debut on the Nissan Note to be unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show on 5th March 2013 and will be in showrooms from the autumn.

The all-new Nissan Note brings together the high-end technology usually found in premium, luxury models to the small car sector for the first time, setting new standards for affordability and continuing a proud tradition of revolutionising the various sectors that Nissan's vehicles come under – from the all-electric LEAF all the way to the mighty GT-R supercar.

The Nissan Safety Shield is made up of three advanced safety systems – Blind Spot Warning, Lane Departure Warning and Moving Object Detection – and, combined with Nissan's Around View Mirror, provides optimum protection not only for the car's occupants, but crucially for those outside of the car. With these systems working together, the Nissan Safety Shield can alert drivers to objects moving behind the car (for example, a child walking towards you when reversing); indicate when a vehicle is in the driver's blind spot so the driver can take avoiding action and can detect when a car is drifting out of its lane.

Etienne Henry, Vice-President for Nissan Strategy & Product Planning in Europe commented: "The all-new Note presented our engineers with a fascinating challenge, in that we wanted to incorporate a huge amount of advanced technology but keep costs reasonable. In developing the three Safety Shield elements to run from one camera we were able to keep manufacturing costs under tight control and make this technology package accessible to the small car segment for the first time."

Since the Safety Shield technologies depend on the rear camera, Nissan's engineers have developed a similarly ingenious way to keep it clean and functioning at all times. By constantly scanning the camera image for dirt, the system is operated by firing a small jet of water, drying the lens using a small jet of compressed air, meaning the system works at all speeds - a perfect example of the Note's in-built engineering innovation.

Complementing Safety Shield is Nissan's advanced Around View Monitor (AVM) – a system that makes reversing and parallel parking virtually stress-free. Using the rear camera and three other cameras positioned on the front grille and wing mirrors, the 5.8-inch dashboard mounted screen displays an image of the Note from above. This helps the driver to visually confirm the car's position in relation to the surrounding area – making parallel parking not only easier but safer.

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Rugged-looking Cross up! ready for Geneva show debut

VOLKSWAGEN is expanding its range of striking Cross models with the Cross up!, which will go on sale in Europe from late summer. It will join the CrossPolo, CrossGolf and CrossTouran models, which have been a big success in Europe.

Cross models are individualised Volkswagen models with a particularly rugged design and tough, lifestyle qualities. Thanks to numerous striking exterior elements, the Cross up! is instantly recognisable as a stand-alone model: sideways on, for example, black mouldings on the wheel arches and sills, plus full-length door protector strips topped with 'Cross up!' lettering create a sporty look. Further unmistakable features of the Cross up! include the silver roof rails, the wing mirrors in a light silver metallic finish and bumpers also incorporating silver elements.

▲ Volkswagen Cross up!

The robust, sporty character is defined above all by the extra ride height and the 'Cross' 16-inch alloys with a high-sheen finish and 185/50 tyres.

High-quality details are also to be found in the interior of the Cross up!, from kick-plates with 'Cross up!' lettering to seats in a special trim (in a choice of red or anthracite), an instrument panel with high-quality dash-pad (in a choice of red, black or dark silver), and a leather-covered steering wheel and handbrake lever.

The Cross up! is equipped to a high specification: included as standard are remote central locking, electric front windows, fog lights, electrically adjustable heated wing mirrors, an asymmetrically split, folding rear seat with headrests, a variable-height boot floor, a rev counter, a multifunction display and ESC electronic stability programme.

A 55 kW / 75 PS three-cylinder petrol engine combined with a five-speed manual transmission serve as the power train for the lifestyle-oriented Cross up!, which is available in Germany from late summer at a starting price of €13,925. UK sales are under consideration, but not confirmed.

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First details of fast, frugal and feisty Volkswagen Golf GTD

SOME 30 years after the original model introduced European car drivers to an intoxicating blend of practicality, high performance and abstemiousness, Volkswagen is readying the latest Golf GTD, which is set to make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show next month.

Back in 1982, the first Golf GTD was revolutionary, being a compact hatchback with sporty tuning, the style of the Golf GTI and low diesel running costs. The new GTD, based on the seventh generation Golf, is the most powerful ever, and like the original it blends performance with fuel-efficiency to make it a great long-distance touring car.

With a six-speed manual gearbox, the Golf GTD, powered by a 2.0-litre common rail turbodiesel producing 184 PS and 380 Nm of torque from 1,750 rpm, consumes just one gallon of fuel every 67.3 miles, making for CO2 emissions of only 109 g/km. With the optional six-speed DSG, fuel consumption is 60.1 mpg (three-door: 119 g/km CO2; five-door: 122 g/km CO2). Acceleration from zero to 62 mph takes just 7.5 seconds, while the top speed is 142 mph.

The Golf GTD comes with smoked LED rear lights with LED licence plate illumination, along with chrome dual tailpipes, 17-inch alloy wheels with 225/45 tyres, side skirts, a rear diffuser, sports suspension and a large roof spoiler.

Distinctive GTD features distinguish the interior: along with tartan sports seats, a black rooflining, sports steering wheel, stainless steel pedals, there is also a GTD-specific gear lever, trim strips and instrument cluster. Comfort is guaranteed thanks to features including progressive steering, white ambience lighting, 'Climatronic' climate control, front and rear parking sensors and a winter pack.

The new Golf GTD is available in Germany at an entry-level price of 29,350 euros, and orders begin on 5 March. UK sales are expected to start in April, with deliveries in the summer. Pricing and specification is yet to be confirmed.

▲The new Volkswagen Golf GTD

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bowls round-up

No gloss for Matt

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

ON Saturday Ilminster's Matt Hamilton played in the area final of the **National Singles** at North Petherton BC.

Matt's opponent was Andy Owens from Weston St Andrews who proved too strong on the day winning by 21 shots to 15,

In the 3rd round of the County 4s Ilminster played at **Nailsea BC**. The team of; Gerry Morris, Ian Lightfoot, Jason Miles and Peter Mattravers lost by 23 shots to 16 to a Nailsea rink skipped by J. Whitear.

On Friday Ilminster entertained **Tiverton BC** in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League Ilminster winning on one rink and drawing on the other, and winning overall by 41 shots to 33 (7pts to 1).

Ilminster: Brian Welch, Gillian Leighton, Eric Keitch and June Checketts 22 P Evans 14. Penny Stow, Tony Cole, Dot Whelan and John Osborne 19 P Chidgey 19.

◆ AS the indoor league season reaches the closing stages, many of the leagues are set for a grandstand finish.

Monday Mixed Rinks : Ilminster F on 21 points (Barry Sims) look set to see off the competition for a second successive year, with only Ilminster C on 18 points (Cyril Cox) capable of spoiling the celebrations.

Monday Mens Premier League : Ilminster D (Rowland Garland) are four points ahead of nearest rivals The Uglies (Kevin Hamilton) with three games to play each.

Tuesday Ladies Triples : Donyatt (June Checketts) are now two points ahead of their nearest rivals Ilminster A (Dot Whelan) with three games in hand.

Tuesday Mens Triples : Ilminster L (John Ridout) lead with 23 points, closely followed by Ilminster N (Kevin Hamilton) on 22 points and Ilminster B (Barry Sims) on 21 points.

Wednesday Mixed Triples : There is a close four team finish with Ilminster F (Eric Keitch) on 24 points, closely followed by Ilminster H (Mike King) and Ilminster K (Lynn Williams) both on 22 points, and Ilminster E (Cyril Cox) on 20 points.

Wednesday Evening Rinks : Two teams are after the top spot. Currently The Numpties (Dave Crouch) lead The Other Lads (Derek Carter) by three points with two games in hand.

Thursday Pairs league: Andy Williams on 28 points is 8 points clear of the opposition, and looks set to take the title for a second successive year.

Friday Night Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples : Ilminster A (Andy Williams) lead Petherton B (Bill Anderson) by 2 points, with Ilminster K (Bev Brister) another 2 points behind. Look out for late challenger Ilminster C (Alan Holt) in fourth place but with games in hand over two of their three nearest rivals.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*

Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples

UNUSUALLY for the No really close games to report this week, all the winners won convincingly.

In the Greyhounds against East Coker the Greyhounds eased to a 24–6 victory.

East Coker started well winning the first end, but after that just couldn't get back in the game. They won only three more ends with the Greyhounds making a 'hot-shot' on end eight.

Meanwhile, the Harlequins never let the Hurricanes into the game at all winning 14-4.

Westway are having a very poor season this year and lost once again this time going down 15-5 against the Magpies.

Leaders Odcombe continued their winning ways against the Canaries.

The first four ends were close at four shots each. But after that Odcombe steamed ahead and dominated, the match finishing 15–7.

Results: Greyhounds 24 East Coker 6, Hurricanes 5 Harlequins 14, Magpies 15 Westway 5, Odcombe 15 Canaries 7.

East Devon Short Mat

CHARD B were playing Chard A this week so no mat advantage. Chard B won 5 games to 3 with a shot difference of 64–50.

They won the all pairs easily, but it was different matter in the singles. Chard A took these by 3 games to 1.

One of the Chard B players simply couldn't get his game together but it should be said that the Chard A singles players were hitting excellent form.

The other Chard B singles player had two close matches. He eventually lost one by two shots but held on to win the other.

Week 17	Pld	+/-	Pts
Odcombe	16	83	26
Harlequins	15	101	23
Greyhounds	17	48	23
Hurricanes	16	30	23
Canaries	16	-35	14
Magpies	17	-13	9
East Coker	16	-59	7
Westway	16	-135	6

East Devon & District League

A'noon D3	Pld	+/-	Pts
CHARD B	8	259	12
Sidbury	6	96	9
CHARD A	7	53	7
Seaton Cliff C	8	-60	7
Hemyock B	7	-91	5
Colyton B	8	-257	4

hockey chard

Four games, four wins!

Round-up

CHARD 1st XI enjoyed a goal-fest as they ran riot crushing visiting Cardon 12-0.

Southern 2	Pld	Pts
Torbay	18	43
Okehampton	18	41
USHC Plymouth	18	30
Caradon	18	30
CHARD	18	29
East Devon A	18	29
Isca B	18	28
Plymouth Uni A	18	21
Yeovil & Sherb A	18	20
Plymouth Marj C	18	18
Truro B	18	12
PGSOB B	18	5

Tomorrow's fixture:
Chard v USHV Plymouth (3pm).

Chard 2nd XI 2
Taunton Civil Service 0

TWO goals in the final ten minutes earned Chard their fifth consecutive league victory in a tense and keenly contested tie.

In a goalless first-half Chard had more possession and the greater share of the few clear-scoring opportunities.

But, playing a back three and five across the midfield, there was a degree of discomfort and uncertainty in their defending as Civil Service launched a series of high balls from deadball situations often deep in their own half.

A switch to a back four for the second-half with the introduction of Danny Grabham gave Chard a more secure feel and, although the aeriel bombardment continued, the defence coped more comfortably with Paul Tratt in particular making well-timed interceptions.

Civil Service had little to offer in terms of an alternative attacking threat, but stand-in 'keeper Kyle Wheaton made a crucial save from one of their few penalty corner chances.

At the other end, Chard's forwards began to apply increasingly effective pressure.

Dan Stone hit the post from a penalty corner. Within a minute Gareth Eggle had an effort kept out, the 'keeper turning his shot onto the other post and Dom Balion being denied in a goalmouth melee shortly after.

Alex Gurd then missed a golden opportunity to give Chard the lead, dragging his shot wide of the target after a swift passing move had carved open the Taunton defence.

The breakthrough came on the hour when, from another penalty corner when Stone scored with a perfect drag flick into the top left hand corner of the net, giving visiting 'keeper and defenders no chance.

Bertie Squire then capped an excellent individual performance in the 66th minute, dispossessing a Civil Service player as he attempted to run the ball out of the D, then swivelling and beating the net minder at his near post.

Wheaton made another fine save as the visitors sought the consolation goal in the last meaningful action of the match.

Thanks to umpires; Jim Sainsbury and Andy Swain and match sponsor: Mark Stevens - Illustrator/Graphic Artist.

Davis Wood SE 2	Pld	Pts
Minehead A	18	41
Isca D	18	34
Mid Somerset A	18	33
CHARD A	18	31
Teign A	18	28*
Bridgwater B	18	22
East Devon B	18	21
Taunton Vale D	18	20
West Dorset A	18	19
Taunton CS A*	18	16*
ECV Hornets C	18	16
Okehampton A	18	15*

(pts deducted)*

Tomorrow's fixture:
West Dorset A v Chard A.

CHARD B completed a hat-trick of league wins for the club's mens teams when they won 3-0 at Ashmoor B.

After an even opening period Adam Veitch fired in off the defender to open the scoring.

Shortly afterwards a pass into the penalty area from alan cheffey was deflected by a defender high in to the net past a static goalkeeper.

Good defending from George Grossey and Murray Wheaton stopped the Ashmoor attacks in their tracks and no good chances were created.

In the second half Chard made some positional changes and despite the home-side trying hard to penetrate the defence no clear cut chances were created, this left Chard playing to their strengths in breakaways.

Wingers Toby and Durgan Cooper and Jake Whitefield in the middle played well in running behind the home defence.

A penalty corner was then awarded and Duncan Lewis slotted home to complete the scoring.

Despite Chard being reduced two nine men the defence held strong with Nathan Johnson stepping up to the plate and making some immense last ditch tackles which saw Chard come away with an emphatic victory.

Match sponsor Mark Stevens – Illustrator

Davis Wood SE 3	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sherb C	16	32
Sidm'th & Ottery D	15	31
Minehead B	14	30
Isca E	15	28
Bridgwater C	14	27
CHARD B	15	22
East Devon C	15	18
Ashmoor B	14	14
Sidm'th & Ottery E	14	4
Bridgwater D	15	4

Tomorrow's fixture:
Chard B v Bridgwater C.

Yeovil & Sherbne Ladies 2
Chard Sunday Ladies 3
(Friendly)

A SUNNY Sunday saw Chard dominate the first part of the friendly match against Yeovil & Sherborne.

The Butcher girls were again on good form with Ruth netting a double and Lois once to make the score at half-time a respectable 3-1.

The second-half was more evenly contested, it took strong defending and determination from Pippa Wyatt and super goalkeeping from Charlie Carver-Bale to keep the home team out of Chards' area.

Eventually the hosts grabbed a second goal but Chard dug in to defend their lead and, thanks largely to Pippa Wyatt's high work rate, managed to hold out to the final whistle for the win.

Thanks go to Vince Sharpe for Umpiring.

Sedgemoor Div 1	Pld	Pts
Taw Valley	11	33
Cheddar	12	27
Minehead	10	24
Weston-super-M	8	13
Taunton Vale IV	9	13
Winscombe II	11	11
Bridgwater II	10	10
ECVH II	10	4
CHARD LADIES	11	0

Sunday's fixture:
Blandford & Sturminster v Chard Sunday Ladies (Friendly).

◆ ***Chard Hockey Club's annual presentation is to be held at the Windwhistle Inn on Friday, March 22nd (7pm start).***

news in brief

◆ **ILMINSTER Cricket Club** are holding a sponsored walk on Sunday, April 14th.

The 10-mile walk commences from the Royal Oak pub in Ilminster at 10am.

Sponsor forms will be available from the club next week. Anybody interested should contact any of the senior team captains or youth team managers.

◆ SOMERSET Cricket Club players are keeping busy all over the globe.

Joss Buttler is currently embroiled in the New Zealand v England T20 and ODI series'.

Buttler, who has taken over the one-day wicket-keeping duties from county colleague Craig Kieswetter, performed well with the bat scoring 32no and a career-best 54 as England won the series 2-1.

The 22-year-old scored 21 in the opening ODI when England went down by three wickets.

The series currently stands at 1-1 with the decider sceduled for the early hours of tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

Buttler's blossoming start to international cricket has been recognised with the award of an England incremental contract for 2013.

Meanwhile, SCCC paceman **Steve Kirby** is off to Argentina as part of the MCC squad that is to play a series of ODI's against the host nation. Kirby said on the SCCC website: "I don't really know much about the opposition or who will be playing, but I know the facilities are excellent out there."

Finally SCCC ladies' **Anya Shrubsole** claimed career-best figures of 5-17 as the England Ladies team finished third in the recent ICC Women's World Cup Tournament in India.

◆ **KIAMA**, the very successful Point-to-Point mare who also won hunter chases for her Ilminster-based owners Mr and Mrs L Vickery, is to be covered by Colmer Stud stallion **Bollin Eric**.

The stallion is a St Leger winner and sire of multiple winners on the flat and over fences.

Bollin Eric is responsible for **Seymour Eric** who has just won four hurdle races (by distances of 11, 24 , 2 1/2 and 8 lengths!) in a row and is now entered in the Albert Bartlett Hurdle at Cheltenham on 15th March.

Bollin Eric started his stud career at the National Stud and then moved to Shropshire, before landing at Colmer.

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT* puts DRIMPTON FCs MARK PEARCE *UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in local football? who have you played for?

A I've been involved in Perry Street & District League football for 13 years, 11 seasons with Hinton St George and now Drimpton FC.

Q Who are the best three players you have played alongside and why?

A **Gary Saunders** - can boss any game from the midfield area where he can be very influential. **Steven 'Trunks' Paull** - scored some great goals, and he could really shift for a big man too. And finally, on current form, I'd have to say our left back **Chris Rowswell**!

Q What is the best away ground you've played on?

A I think **Beaminster**'s Memorial Ground and **Barrington**'s Shelway Lane are by far the best pitches in the league.

Q Do any games or incidents stick out in your memory?

A A 3-3 with Combe St Nicholas A team at Slades Cross this season back in September. We were 3-0 down with just 10 minutes to go and scored the equaliser with the very last kick of game.

Q How would you improve things at Drimpton FC?

A Maybe a Reserve side for next season would be a good idea, apart from that we've got a good set up.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future?

A **Jordan Watts** – the best young centre-back I've seen. **Gavin Tanner** - great skill and touch…when he's not hung over!

NEXT: Chard Town FC's RICH HEBDITCH

skittles

ILMINSTER LEAGUE

Division One results: Flying Turkeys 348-10 (S.Spurway 50) Ashill Inn 324-2 (N.Dopson 47), Rockey's Rollers 322-2 (T.Clapp 45) Carnival Clingons 336-10 (S.Lee 62), Nomads 358-11 (B.Downting, K.Keith 50) Ashill Inn 332-1 (V.Woodland, E.Turner 45), Ashill Boys 357-11 (M.Bown 55) Royal Oak Faces 318-1 (N.Jenkins 45), Crown Royals 409-2 (C.Gabe, D.Priddle 63) Flying Turkeys 453-10 (S.Spurway, J.Thompson 66).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	12	117
Carnival Clingons	11	94
Rockey's Rollers	12	81
Nomads	11	75
Ashill Boys	11	70
Crown Royals	12	56
Royal Oak Faces	12	53
Hatch Beagles	11	52
Ashill Inn	11	23

Division Two results: Hatch Eggs 337-1 (C.Deserve 50) Bell & Crown 364-11 (M.Prouse 57), Donyatt BC 336-4 (P.Kneeshaw 48) Cricketers 338-8 (M.Vickery 49).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	10	93
Bell & Crown	10	81
Bell A	9	73
King's Head	9	59
Wyndham Clang'	8	39
Donyatt BC	9	35
Wyndham Arms	8	35
Hatch Eggs	10	31

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	13	119
King Willy Dogs	14	104
Muddled Men	14	100
Head Hunters	13	99
Super Sexy Six	14	92
Coachmen	13	79
Royal Oak Drimp	14	74
Football Club	13	66
Stray Cats	13	60
The Fryers	14	49
Nomads	13	40

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Con Club Legends	15	103
Rollers	15	100
Raptors	14	97
Club Fixers	15	91
Perrott Monkeys	15	91
Sports 92	15	86
Brewers Bees	14	85
Rug Rats	15	85
Concorde	15	84
Pinbusters	15	82
Skimmers	14	79
Fokkers	14	73

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Muppets	15	133
Merriott Men	15	127
Hung Like Horses	15	96
The Likely Lads	14	91
Chis Colts	15	91
Numpties	15	91
Willy Low Flyers	15	90
Sandbaggers	14	86
Rotary	15	74
Kings Pick n Mix	15	66
Knappers	15	64
Beer Leg Boys	15	59

rugby round-up and preview

Another win, but errors persist

Chard 46 North Dorset 10

Tribute South-West 1 (West)

CHARD were never in any danger of losing this game and won as comfortably as the final scoreline suggests *writes Glyn Hughes*.

But opponents North Dorset were no doubt grateful for the numerous errors that crept into the Chard performance because they could well have lost by a much bigger margin had Chard taken all their chances.

The game was superbly refereed by former International referee Tony Spreadbury who looked as if he enjoyed the experience as much as the home players.

Chard took the lead after only 30 seconds when the ball was flung out wide and Charlie Allen-Roberts went over in the left-hand corner for an unconverted try.

Chard conceded a penalty immediately from the restart and North Dorset full-back Jay Westcar slotted over the resultant kick.

It was already looking ominous for the visitors as they were being shunted backwards a rate of knots in the set plays.

They were soon penalised close to their own line which gave the referee no alternative but to award a penalty try which was converted by Paul Nicholls.

Despite the poor condition of the pitch Chard were enjoying playing at home for the first time in over a month and

Allen-Roberts again finished off a flowing three quarter movement with his second try of the game. At this point with less than 15 minutes gone it looked as if Chard would win by a cricket score.

But the visitors showed that when they did get the ball they were capable of playing excellent rugby and began to make a significant contribution to the entertainment on offer.

The huge advantage enjoyed by the Chard pack again played a big part in Chard's bonus point try when number eight Jim Wagstaff picked up and scored following a five metre scrum.

Chard then proceeded to waste several opportunities which included dropping the ball when actually over the visitors line!

The half-time whistle sounded with Chard 22-3 to the good.

Any chance that North Dorset might have had of getting back into the game disappeared in the opening minutes of the second-half with tries from promising winger Glenn Harding and Ryan Helliar who has just returned from a year in New Zealand.

Chard brought on Ben Robinson and James Twigg for Massey and Lee Carter, both of whom were carrying slight injuries. Robinson would once again show what a promising forward he is.

The visitors did their best to make a game of it with some enterprising play, but fell further behind when Harding set up a try for full-back Ben Stead who scored under the posts.

Nicholls was grateful to have an easy conversion for a change!

With ten minutes to go the visitors made the most of some missed tackles and flanker Tom Hooper scored under the posts with Lewis Munster getting the extras. It was no more than they deserved.

Chard responded well to this set back and fly-half Chris Doak burst through for Chard's eighth try which was again converted by Nicholls.

Chard travel to play Cleve next weekend and will be looking to achieve another double having beaten them convincingly 41-0 at home earlier in the season.

■ **RORY Helliar: Back from New Zealand with a try**

Tomorrow's matches

Chard 1st XV - away v Cleve.
Chard 2nd XV - away v Old Redcliffians 3rds.
Chard 3rd XV - None
Crewkerne 1st XV - away v Wyvern.
Crewkerne 2nd XV - None.

CURRENT TABLES

Tribute SW 1 (West)	Pld	+/-	Pts
Camborne	20	164	71
North Petherton	18	219	70
Old Redcliffians	18	254	66
Wadebridge Camels	20	129	58
Thornbury	20	19	52
Cullompton	20	40	46*
Sidmouth	19	56	42
Clevedon	18	-40	40
CHARD	17	19	38*
Cleve	18	-78	34
Bridgwater & Albion	18	-141	34
Oldfield Old Boys	19	-87	29*
Paignton Saxons	16	-204	28
North Dorset	19	-350	19

Tribute Som 2 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
CREWKERNE	16	527	73
Cheddar Valley	17	593	68*
Somerton	17	77	52
Taunton III	13	197	48
Burnham-on-Sea II	19	-63	48
Ivel Barbarians	17	66	42
Wiveliscombe II	16	143	39*
Tor II	16	2	30*
Wyvern	14	-175	27
Bridgwater & Alb III	18	-201	21*
Minehead Barb II	18	-118	14*
Morganians	15	-290	10
Martock	16	-758	7

Tribute Somerset 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
St Bernadettes OB	19	736	86
Bristol Barbarians	19	623	83
Clevedon II	19	231	64
Old Redcliffians III	17	106	53
CHARD II	17	57	45
Castle Cary	19	-58	45
North Petherton II	18	-71	44
Midsomer Norton II	17	-37	43
Wellington II	18	-94	40
Old Sulians	18	-96	40
Bridgwater & Albion II	19	-265	21*
Wells II	17	-378	20
Yatton	19	-500	16
Walcot II	18	-254	4*

Tribute Som 3 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets III	12	368	52
CHARD III	13	136	42
Wells III	8	91	31
Wellington III	11	122	19*
Minehead Barbars III	12	-45	17*
CREWKERNE II	13	-296	16
North Petherton III	11	-72	10*
Yatton III	12	-28	5*
Castle Cary II	12	-215	4*
Tor III	12	-61	3*

(= pts deducted)*

Clevedon 2nds 27
Chard 2nds 11

Somerset Div One (South)

CHARD Skipper Matt Tinley said that this was an error strewn performance from his side and that they had no complaints with the final scoreline.

Minehead Barbarians 3rds 22
Chard 3rds 10

Somerset Div Three (South)

CHARD suffered a surprise defeat against mid-table Minehead but suffered because of late withdrawals from the other teams, and also had to play without recognised front row players!

Tor 2nds 14
Crewkerne 2nds 30

Somerset Div Two (South)

CREWKERNE 1xv maintained their five point lead at the top of the Somerset Division Two (South) table with a 30-14 win.

From the kick-off Tor rushed Crewkerne putting them under pressure.

The contact area was very slow and hindered, a mistake at the back of a ruck saw the Tor midfield kick the ball through the Crew lines and cross over for a shock try which was converted.

Fly-half Emyln Kuhn kicked the ball into the 22 of Tor and a good chase down by the returning Will Draper and Stuart Sherrin put the home defence under pressure and give away a penalty.

Kuhn had no problem dissecting the uprights.

Crewkerne, using its big ball carriers like Steve Hunter and Martin Cole, started to make the yards and again found themselves awarded a penalty due to a Tor infringement this was once again kicked by Kuhn.

The game was starting to become a war of attrition in the mud as the conditions stopped any real momentum being made by either side.

Crew pressure forced a ruck to form and quick hands from scrum-half Balkwill saw prop Phil Broom side-step a winger and crash over the line for a well deserved try.

The conversion was kicked by Kuhn to make the half-time score Tor 7 Crewkerne 13.

The second-half saw Crewkerne's forwards once again make good inroads dominating the set piece and now the breakdown.

Once again quick hands from Balkwill released Kuhn who broke the tackle and crossed for a fine try which he himself converted.

Tor fought back, good pressure in the midfield resulted in a pass being slapped down and run in, and this was duly converted.

The visitors responded and a great run from full-back Phillips eventually resulted in a scrum - Crewkerne pack took the ball against the head and marched the Tor pack over their line and number 8 Johnson touched down.

Credit in the build up must go to the forwards; Broom, Hunter, Hill, Godfroy and Bowditch.

The final score came due to the horrendous conditions when after forwards battle, winger Keryon Rooke cross over to complete the scoring.

Crewkerne's Man-of-the-Match was awarded to Stuart Sherrin.

Hornets 3rds 71
Crewkerne 2nds 0

Somerset Div Three (South)

CREWKERNE 2nds felt the full force of the league leaders Hornets as they were hammered 71-0.

The Weston-super-Mare based hosts, who led 44-0 at the turnaround, racked up 13 tries

horce racing buckler stable

Digger keeps on running

DOUBLE Dizzy *continues to produce the goods for local trainer Bob Buckler's stable.*

The horse, known as Digger put in another solid performance in the Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown on Friday ***WRITES STUART BROOM.***

All the jockeys are all amateur and military personnel, with 'Digger' ridden by Major Erica Bridge.

The race won by the 7/4 favourite, the experienced Paul Nicholls trained Gwanako saw the reliable Double Dizzy once again jump very well, and despite missing the break come through to take fourth place in heavy conditions.

It was decided to retire the 12-year-old after he refused to complete the Haye Jousselin Chase at Auteuil in early November, believing he had decided he had enough.

However, it was decided to give him one more chance and, after showing well in the Glenfarcas Cross Country Handicap Chase at Cheltenham, has since has finished both third and fourth twice since.

His superb jumping keeping him in races despite his lack of finishing pace.

He is expected to go for the next Glenfarcas race at the Cheltenham Festival next month.

Bob Buckler's exciting prospect ***Somerset Lias*** *is expected to miss Tuesday's Taunton bumper because of the poor ground in preference to either Sandown (Friday) or Kempton Park (Saturday).*

darts chard & district

Results (February 11th)

Premier Division:
Best of a Bad Lot 10 Phoenix Poppes 15, Hopefuls 9 Slaps Lot 20, New Order 12 BDBs 14.

Premier	Pld	Pts
Scrum Down	15	301
BDB's	16	266
New Order	16	254
Slaps Lot	15	239
High 4 & A Half	13	188
Phoenix Poppes	15	184
Hobnobs	15	182
Hopefuls	15	178
Pig Jockeys	14	151
Best of A Bad Lot	16	145
Pop Darts	12	109

◆ **STAT LEADERS**: Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & Half) x7.
Best shot-out: Shane Mears (Hobnobs) Mark Pearce (Hopefuls) both 160.

Division One:
Dix with Chix 11 PAs 8 (February 4th).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Clubbers	14	191
Madhouse Crew	13	130
The Pirates	13	127
Dix with Chix	13	118
PA's	13	115
Happy Sharks	11	111
Stumpy's Gang	12	110
The Downs	10	108
Double Trouble	12	102
Two Minute Crew	11	69

◆ **STAT LEADERS**: Most 180s: Richard Sansom (Clubbers) x3.
Best shot-out: Shane Goodall (Madhouse Crew) 157.

Division Two: Dizzy Tarts 11 Broken Arrows 8, From Small Acorns 3 Cult of Personality 15.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cult of Personality	12	174
From Small Acorns	13	156
Rare Breeds	12	134
Red Devils	11	115
Broken Arrows	12	114
Phoenix Flyers	12	101
Dizzy Tarts	13	100
Winning Team	11	85
B's Knees	12	75

◆ **STAT LEADERS**: Most 180s: 4 players x1.
Best shot-out: Jon Hodges (Cult of Personality) 112.

tennis yeovil mixed

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Martock A	9	62
Sherborne	9	56
Melcombe Regis	8	52
Yeovil A	8	48
Ilminster	9	40
South Petherton	8	22
Martock B	9	20

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Misterton A	8	68
Somerton A	7	40
Weymouth A	7	35
Beaminster A	7	31
Chard A	7	28
Yeovil B	8	18

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Wincanton A	8	53
Somerton B	7	47
Yeovil C	6	30
Bridport	7	25
Martock C	5	18
Chard B	5	17

Division 4	Pld	Pts
Martock D	6	43
Misterton B	6	43
Wincanton B	8	41
Weymouth B	7	39
Somerton C	6	20
Beaminster B	7	14

Missing Results

Wk 9: Div 1 Sherborne v Ilminster.
Wk 12: Div 4 Martock D v Weymouth B, Div 1 Martock B v Melcombe Regis, Div 1 Martock A v Sherborne, Div 3 Bridport v Martock C, Div 2 Misterton A v Beaminster A, Div 2 Somerton A v Chard A

Postponed matches

Wk 3: Div 3 Somerton B v Bridport: Feb 23rd, Div 4 Misterton B v Wincanton B: Mar 3rd, Div 3 Martock C v Chard B: Mar 2nd.
Wk 6: Div 3 Yeovil C v Chard B: TBA
Wk 8: Div 1 Martock B v South Petherton: Mar 2nd?
Wk 9: Div 1 Yeovil A v Melcombe Regis: Mar 3rd?, Div 2 Chard A v Weymouth A: Date TBA, Div 2 Somerton A v Yeovil B: Feb 24th, Div 3 Somerton B v Yeovil C: Mar 9th, Div 3 Wincanton A v Chard B: Date TBA, Div 4 Martock D v Beaminster B: Mar 2nd, Div 4 Misterton B v Somerton C: Date TBA.
Wk 11: Div 3 Martock C v Yeovil C: Data TBA
Wk 12: Div 4 Beaminster B v Somerton C: Mar 10th, Div 1 South Petherton v Yeovil A: Wed Feb 20th.

angling ilminster

Rich crowned champion

Ilminster AA - Feb 17th
RIVER ISLE - 7 FISHED
Royal Oak Winter League

ILMINSTER AA members were back on the Isle for the last Royal Oak winter league match.

The river looked good although a bit pacy and decent returns were expected.

This turned out to be rather wishful thinking on the anglers' part and the river fished terribly.

Fred Brown, fishing his first match of the campaign, won with a few dace for 1lb 2oz from peg 14.

Bob Hammond was second with two chublets weighing 1lb 1oz from 85 and Justin Charles just needed a few minnows weighing 2oz for third place.

Jamie Rich blanked on the day but still won the league with 80 points followed by Graham Field on 74 and Robin Cox on 68.

Result: 1 - Fred Brown (Ilminster) - 1lb 2oz, 2 - Bob Hammond (Ilminster) - 1lb 1oz, 3 - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 2oz. For the full match report go to www.against-menandfish.blogspot.com

The club would like to thank the Royal Oak for their continued support and hospitality and Robin Cox for organising the matches.

Next week is the last V.E.S. match and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Somerset Senior football

Two off in defeat

Chard Town have had mixed fortunes over the last week.

On Saturday Welton Rovers were ruthlessly despatched 3-0 at Zembard Lane.

After a goal less first-half Chard dominated in the second period with the first goal coming on 55 minutes when Sam Spurway headed home from a corner.

The lead was doubled in the 79th minute when Sam Clark netted cooly after latching onto a pass from Jon Hurford.

The game was wrapped up in the 90th minute when Ritchie Powell crossed for Liam Cleal to score with a first time shot.

But the club's magnificent 13-game unbeaten run came to abrupt end on Wednesday evening as the Robins were beaten 4-1 at Elmore.

Manger Nik Flory was very disappointed in his team's showing, he told ***Weekender Sport****: " I'm very angry at the whole manner of our defeat. Mark Armstrong had given us the lead in the 20th minute. But we then lost Sam Spurway who was shown a straight red card for kicking out five minutes later.*

"The whole complexity of the game changed. I am very disappointed in Sam as I had made him captain but he let us down.

"We then had Bejani (Tauflik Ben-Salemm) sent off so we were always up against it.

"Until then we had chances at 2-1 with 10 men and could have got something, but the second red just made us implode.

"We then became embarrassing and I am very sorry to our fans, committee and the opposition in our behaviour it was unacceptable and not what Chard Town F.C is about.

"We know we will have a sticky patch but it is the players character in those games that you look for and last night unacceptable.

"It makes tomorrow's game even more important, they all need to stand up and be counted, I want nothing less than a backlash and to take it out on Portishead."

Squad*: J.Smith, D.Cleal, G.Knight, S.Spurway, R.Powell, N.Warren, L.Cleal, J.Hurford, T.Ben-Salem, S.Clarke, G.Spiller, R.Hebditch, L.Voisey, M.Armstrong.*

Chard Town Reserves*' match at Devon & Exeter League division one rivals Witheridge was postponed. The Robins' second-string entertain strugglers Colyton at Zembard lane tomorrow (3pm ko).*

Ilminster Town*'s losing run in the Somerset League premier division was extended to four games as they went down 2-1 at Bishops Lydeard.*

Chris Nezianya scored for the Blues who will look for better when they travel to improving Clevedon United who, although lying next-to-bottom, have collected 11 points from their last seven games.

Down in division two (west) ***Combe St Nicholas****' poor home form continued as they were beaten 1-0 by Burnham United.*

The Saints, now without a win in five at Slades Cross, could have their hands full if they are to end that run tomorrow as they entertain second-placed Middlezoy Rovers.

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up the Perry Street & District League

Winsham challenge for Perry Street

Blues bidding for spot in last four - Eglon finalists confirmed

ROUND-UP

Somerset Intermediate Cup QF
Interhound FC 7 Combe A 0

THE Perry Street League's interest in the Somerset county cup's ended as Combe A failed to score for the first time in 16 matches and were thrashed by Midsomer Norton-based Interhound FC.

Challenge cup Quarter-final
Shepton Beau 2 Perry Street 3

PERRY Street took their place in the last four after leading three times before finally knocking out hosts Shepton Beauchamp 3-2 at Brimgrove Lane.

Ben Stevens gave the visitors an early lead but this was cancelled out by Sam Murley's 14th of the season. A handball in the area allowed the Mothers' top-scorer Liam Riste edge his team back ahead from the penalty spot.

Back came Shepton, and James Green squared things up at 2-2 before the interval. Riste netted his 15th of the season 10 minutes from time to line-up a home semi-final clash with Winsham United.

◆ **Semi-final draw**: Perry Street v Winsham United, Lyme Regis v Ilminster Town Reserves or Millwey Rise.

Arthur Gage Cup R1
Perry St Res 2 S.Petherton Res 1

SOUTH Petherton Reserves crashed out of the Arthur Gage despite having three regulars from their suspended first team among their line-up.

Dan Fry and Fred Holley scored for Street with Adrian Farrell replying for the Magpies.

◆ The South Petherton first team were suspended from playing on Saturday by the Perry Street & District League management committee.

This was pending the outcome of the club's meeting with the Somerset FA on Sunday regarding their poor disciplinary record for this season.

Tommy Tabberer Cup QF

REFEREE Willie Marks abandoned the game between Chard Rangers and Pymore after 70 minutes with the pitch at Jocelyn Park deemed unplayable.

Tom Warren had given Rangers a fifth minute lead but Tim Hussey soon levelled and Pymore never looked back to lead 4-1 at the interval.

At 6-1 Rangers bagged a couple of consolations through Tom Warren and Kane Ellis before referee Marks called time on proceedings.

Over at Barrs Lane goals from Roque Rodriguez, Rob Milson and Stephen Banks saw Chard United capitalise on some poor finishing from hosts Charmouth to book their place in the last four.

But last season's runners-up Dowlish & Donyatt's fourth successive defeat saw them crash out beaten 2-0 at Waytown Hounds.

Reg Eglon Cup – Semi-finals

THE 26th Reg Eglon Cup final will be contested between Barrington Reserves and Crewkerne Rangers Reserves at Misterton FC on Bank Holiday Monday, April 1st 11am kick-off.

Barrington, arguably the most successful club the competition with three triumphs, needed a Darren Dabinett goal to beat Kingsbury Episcopi who drew a blank for the first time in their 16-game PSDL history.

Rangers had an easier time of it with Anthony Trubridge, Liam Adams and Steve Dunkerton on target in a 3-0 win at Forton Rangers Reserves.

Premier
Ilminster Res 1 Winsham United 2

WINSHAM United came from behind to extend their lead at the top of the premier division to three points with a 2-1 win at the Rec on Saturday.

Ilminster, now 11 top division games without a win, led through a Dan Vining goal deep into the second-half before the title favourites struck through Matt Brown and Joe Simmons who was on target for the fifth game in a row.

◆ *Winsham striker Joe Simmons scored two second-half goals for Seaton Town in their 2-0 Axminster Hospital cup victory at Exmouth Town on Wednesday evening.*

Other league games

BEAMINSTER Reserves put in a battling performance in **division one** before finally going down 3-2 against a West & Middle Chinnock side who appear to be heading for an immediate return to the premier division.

Russell Lock fired the Chinnocks' ahead before Joe Singleton coolly lobbed Matt Alford in the visitors' goal.

Luke Williams restored the visitors' lead before half-time.

Back came the Rainbows after the turnaround and Robin Jones netted a second equaliser only for Williams to bag a winner late-on.

At Unity Lane a depleted Lyme Regis Reserves ran title contenders Misterton close before being edged out by the odd goal in five.

After a goalless half-hour the Seasiders took the lead through Ryan Fifer only for Steve Taylor and Craig Studley goals to turn things around before the break.

Fifer then leveled with the follow-up after his penalty had been saved but Paul Richards netted the Missy winner in the 81st minute.

In **division two** Harry Hosiene took his personal tally to seven in three with a hat-trick as Thorncombe crushed Crewkerne Rangers 6-0 at Seavington. Lee Fisher scored twice for the Thorns which Russell Gage chipping-in with a single.

Down in **division three**, goals from Brian Garrett (2), Rob Long and Richard White saw Winsham United Reserves keep their promotion hopes on track as they battled back from 0-2 down to beat Ilminster Town A 4-2 at Baker's Field.

Chard United Reserves gave their survival hopes a boost with Wayne Mears scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Lyme Bantams on the Jocelyn Park bog.

The only game in **division four** saw a double from Liam Male earn Thorncombe Reserves bag all three points after a 2-1 win over Combe B.

These two teams have been informed they must replay their Kenny Hodges cup quarter-final from February 2nd.

Thorncombe were winning the game 2-0 with 12 minutes remaining when Thorns club captain John Allen suffered a broken ankle.

■ **WELL DONE KNIGHTER:** Chard Town defender Gary Knight's achievement in clocking up 150 appearance for the Robins was recognised with an award by club chairman Willie Whitelaw last week.

RESULTS

Saturday, February 16th
Devon Intermediate cup (East) Final
Millwey Rise 9 Otterton 2
Somerset Intermediate Cup QF
Interhound FC 7 Combe A 0
Challenge Cup Quarter-Final
Lyme Regis 3 Farway United 0
Shepton Beauchamp 2 Perry Street 3
Arthur Gage Cup Round One
Perry Street Res 2 South Petherton Res 1
Tommy Tabberer Quarter-Final
Chard Rangers 3 Pymore 7 *(abandoned 70 mins)*
Charmouth 1 Chard United 2
Waytown Hounds 2 Dowlish & Donyatt 0
Reg Eglon Semi-Finals
Forton Rang Res 0 Crewkerne Rangers Res 3
Kingsbury Episcopi 0 Barrington Reserves 1
Premier
Ilminster Town Reserves 1 Winsham United 2
Division One
Beaminster Reserves 2 West & Mid Chinnock 3
Misterton 3 Lyme Regis Reserves 2
Division Two
Crewkerne Rangers 0 Thorncombe 6
Division Three
Chard United Res 4 Lyme Regis Bantams 2
Winsham United Res 4 Ilminster Town A 2
Division Four
Thorncombe Reserves 2 Combe B 1

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 23rd
(all 2.30pm ko unless stated)
Challenge cup SF (2pm)
Perry Street v Winsham United

Challenge Cup Quarter Final (2pm)
Ilminster Town Reserves v Millwey Rise

Kenny Hodges Cup – Quarter Final (2pm)
Chard Rangers Res v Shepton Beau Res
Uplyme Reserves v Farway Utd Reserves

Premier
Beaminster v Farway United
Lyme Regis v Combe Reserves
Shepton Beauchamp v Crewkerne Town

Division One
Crewkerne Town Reserves v Barrington
Forton Rangers v West & Middle Chinnock
Netherbury v Lyme Regis Reserves
South Petherton Reserves v Misterton

Division Two
Chard United v Chard Rangers
Charmouth v Pymore
Crewkerne Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts
Thorncombe v Uplyme

Division Three
Hinton v Drimpton
Lyme Regis Bantams v Luso-Chard
Millwey Rise Reserves v Combe A
Winsham United Reserves v Hawkchurch United

Division Four
Combe B v Kingsbury Episcopi
Crewkerne Rangers Reserves v Thorncombe Res

Tomorrow's Preview

THE big cup game of the weekend sees Perry Street welcome Winsham United with a place in the **Challenge cup** final at stake.

Winsham, with just one defeat in 14 games in all competitions, go into the game as clear favourites and few would bet against them getting their hands on the trophy for the first time since 1950-51.

But The Mothers, eight times winners themselves, will certainly not lay down and die - this could be a close one.

There's a challenge cup quarter-final tomorrow with Ilminster Town Reserves set to do battle with Millwey Rise at the Rec.

County cup aside, the Blues have yet to register a victory all season but last weekend's narrow defeat against Winsham points to better times ahead for new manager Sid Brown and his team.

Back in the league and three of the top four in the **premier division** are in action. All three appear well placed to cut Winsham's lead at the top.

Over at Brimgrove Lane the first teams of Shepton Beauchamp and Crewkerne Town clash for the first time in more than 10 years.

The Tigers have hit some form of late and, if results elsewhere go their way, they could go second with a win.

They will however need Beaminster to slip-up at home against bottom-of the table Farway United and Combe Reserves to end Lyme Regis' 19-game winning run at the Davey Fort.

In **division one** top meets bottom as Misterton travel to South Petherton Reserves.

Even with the Petherton first team having no fixtures and several players being eligible to help out, it's difficult to see anything other than a Missy win – Ricky Smith, Kenny Forbes and co will be polishing up their shooting boots.

Meanwhile three wins, 16 goals for and none against have seen Barrington emerge as an outside bet for promotion.

The Yellow Hammers travel to Henhayes to face struggling Crewkerne Town Reserves.

West & Middle Chinnock remain slight title favourites despite being run close by Beaminster Reserves last weekend.

Next up for The Chinnocks is a tricky looking trip to Forton who must surely end their poor recent run soon.

Down in **division two** there is the Chard derby between United and Rangers.

United, going well in the top four, are clear favourites against their 'visitors' who are finding results hard to come by this season.

But it could be decided by who ploughs through the Jocelyn Park mud the better.

Elsewhere, the pick of the games is the division three promotion clash between Millwey Rise Reserves and Combe A.

This is providing the Harry's Field pitch is cleared for use following an injury suffered by an Otterton player in last week's Devon cup-tie.

TOP SCORERS

10 or more goals

Premier
S.Dibling (Millwey Rise) 22 , Joe Simmons (Winsham Utd) both 20, C.Somers (Millwey Rise), E.Butcher (Crewkerne Town) both 18, L.Riste (Perry Street) 15, S.Murley (Shepton Beau)14, J.Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 12, S.Vincent (Combe Res) 10.

Division One
T.Franklin (Netherbury), R.Smith (Misterton), D.May (Barrington) all 15, T.Perry (Barrington) 14, K.Forbes (Misterton) 13, A.Stevenson (Forton Rangers) 12, M.Bulman (Netherbury) , K.Rowson (Perry Street Res) both 11, G.Correy (Netherbury) 10.

Division Two
T.Hussey (Pymore) 19, R.Anderson (Chard Utd) , G.Fowler (Uplyme) both 13, A.North (Dowlish & Donyatt), L.Fisher (Thorncombe) both 10.

Division Three
W.Gabbidon (Combe A) 31, B.Garrett (Winsham United Res) 23, P.Peacock (Lyme Regis Bantams) 21, T.Stead (Winsham Res) 15, I.Costa (Luso-Chard) 14, C.Rowswell (Drimpton), M.Jenkins (Millwey Rise Res) both 12, M.Pike Millwey Rise Res) 10.

Division Four
P.Male (Thorncombe Res 15, C.Lang (Barrington Res), L.Monk (Kingsbury Episcopi) both 14, A.Hodges (Shepton Beau Res), N.Jefferies (Kingsbury Episcopi) both 13, J.Burkhardt (Shepton Beau Res) 11.

PSDL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Winsham United	10	7	3	0	12	24
Beaminster	11	6	3	2	7	21
Lyme Regis	10	6	2	2	13	20
Crewkerne Town	9	6	0	3	8	18
Combe Reserves	11	4	2	5	1	14
South Petherton	11	4	0	7	-4	12
Perry Street	9	3	2	4	-7	11
Millwey Rise	6	3	1	2	8	10
Shepton Beauchamp	10	2	3	5	-10	9
Ilminster Town Res	9	0	3	6	-12	3
Farway Utd	8	0	3	5	-12	3

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Misterton	13	9	3	1	22	30
W & M Chinnock	12	10	0	2	14	30
Barrington	12	8	0	4	20	24
Netherbury	11	7	2	2	18	23
Forton Rangers	12	6	1	5	6	19
Perry Street Reserves	9	2	2	5	-11	8
Beaminster Reserves	12	2	2	8	-13	7*
Crewkerne Town Res	12	2	1	9	-15	7
Lyme Regis Reserves	8	1	3	4	-7	6
South Petherton Res	9	1	0	8	-34	3

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	7	1	3	12	22
Waytown Hounds	14	6	2	6	-7	20
Uplyme	9	5	4	0	22	19
Chard United	11	6	3	2	13	18*
Thorncombe	11	5	2	4	6	17
Charmouth	11	5	1	5	-7	16
Pymore	9	4	2	3	18	14
Ilminster Town Colts	12	4	1	7	-15	13
Crewkerne Rangers	8	4	0	4	-3	12
Chard Rangers	14	1	0	13	-36	3

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	11	10	1	0	30	28*
Winsham United Res	12	8	1	3	23	25
Combe A	11	8	1	2	21	25
Ilminster Town A	15	6	2	7	7	20
Millwey Rise Res	11	5	2	4	18	17
Drimpton	9	5	2	2	14	17
Hawkchurch United	10	4	1	5	-5	13
Lyme Regis Bantams	11	3	3	5	-1	12
Hinton St George	3	3	2	8	-36	11
Chard United Res	13	2	2	9	-23	9*
Misterton Reserves	12	1	1	10	-48	4

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Shepton Reserves	10	9	1	0	30	25*
Thorncombe Res	13	8	3	2	23	24*
Barrington Reserves	13	6	3	4	8	21
Combe B	12	6	2	4	3	20
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	5	1	6	4	16
Crewkerne Rang Res	10	4	1	5	1	13
Forton Rangers Res	11	4	1	6	-6	13
Farway United Res	10	3	1	6	-12	10
Uplyme Reserves	11	2	1	8	-28	7
Chard Rangers Res	10	1	2	7	-23	5

** = Points deducted*

TOOLSTATION Div 1

TOP	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hengrove	26	18	3	5	35	57
Shepton Mall	27	17	3	7	22	54
CHARD Town	25	16	2	7	25	50
Bradford T	25	15	3	7	39	48
Corsham T	27	14	6	7	16	48
Cribbs FL	26	13	6	7	13	45
Sherborne T	21	12	7	2	29	43
Calne Town	27	12	7	8	12	43
Oldland Abb	23	10	4	9	6	34
Portishead	24	10	3	11	-6	33
Keynsham T	26	10	4	12	-10	31*
Elmore	24	8	7	9	-9	30*
Roman Glass	26	7	8	11	-9	29
Almond'ry	23	8	4	11	-3	28
Cheddar	23	8	3	12	-2	27
Welton Rov	28	7	6	15	-27	27
Warminster	27	6	8	13	-22	26
Wellington	24	7	4	13	-15	25
Westbury U	25	5	7	13	-16	22
Devizes Town	27	5	4	18	-41	19
Shrewton U	24	4	5	15	-37	17

SOMERSET League

PREM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Berrow	19	13	3	3	19	42
Cutters Friday	20	11	2	7	10	35
Ashton & Bac	19	10	4	5	10	34
Nailsea Utd	18	10	3	5	17	33
Minehead	17	9	4	4	12	31
Shirehamptn	17	8	6	3	17	30
Street Res	15	9	1	5	5	28
Nailsea T	16	8	1	7	5	25
Odd Down	17	7	2	8	-5	23
Bishops Lyd	15	6	4	5	0	22
Weston St J	19	6	3	10	-14	21
Watchet T	18	5	4	9	2	19
Langford Rov	15	5	4	6	-4	19
ILMINSTER T	18	5	4	9	-15	19
Bridgw Res	16	4	5	7	-5	16*
Stock Green	16	5	1	10	-6	16
Clevedon Utd	15	4	2	9	-9	14
SGE Gordano	18	1	3	14	-39	6

DIV 2W Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Congresbury	16	13	1	2	30	40
Middlezoy	18	13	1	4	29	40
Wells City Rs	18	11	2	5	36	35
Winscombe	18	10	1	7	8	31
Portishead	13	8	2	3	23	26
Weston St J	18	8	2	8	-17	26
Nailsea Utd	15	8	0	7	8	24
COMBE St N	17	7	3	7	3	24

DEVON & EXE Div 1

DIV 1 top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
CHARD RES	14	11	1	2	28	34
Sidbury Utd	14	9	4	1	23	31
Witheridge	13	9	0	4	21	27
Bow AAC	10	8	1	1	16	25
University Ill	12	8	0	4	9	24
Wellington	15	7	2	6	3	23

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